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### RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

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Tropical ecology and conservation, plant population ecology, demographic modeling, plant-animal interactions, scientometrics and bibliometrics, science & science policy in Latin America

### EDUCATION

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- 2001 Ph.D. in Population Biology, University of California, Davis
- 1995 M.S. in Biology, University of California, San Diego
- 1994 B.S. in Ecology, Behavior, & Evolution with a minor in Literature, University of California, San Diego

### PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

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- 2013-Present **Professor & Distinguished Teaching Scholar**, University of Florida  
Department of Wildlife Ecology & Conservation & Center for Latin American Studies
- 2022-2025 **Secretary**, Ecological Society of America
- 2020-2021 **President**, Association for Tropical Biology & Conservation
- 2012-2021 **Director**, Florida-Brazil Linkage Institute, University of Florida
- 2013-2019 **Editor-in-Chief**, *Biotropica*
- 2014-2020 **Board of Directors**, Dryad Digital Data Repository
- 2005-Present **Adjunct Professor**, Universidade Federal de Uberlândia, Brazil  
Graduate Program in Ecology & Natural Resource Conservation
- 2007-2013 **Associate Professor**, University of Florida
- 2002-2007 **Assistant Professor**, University of Florida
- 2001-2002 **NSF Minority Postdoctoral Fellow**, Biological Dynamics of Forest Fragments Project  
Instituto Nacional de Pesquisas da Amazônia-Smithsonian Institution

### AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

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#### AWARDS

- 2022 Fellow, American Association for the Advancement of Science
- 2020 Selected for Induction into Alpha Zeta (Faculty Affiliate, UF Chapter)
- 2020 Roche Teaching Scholar, UF College of Agricultural & Life Sciences
- 2016 Sigma Xi (Full Member, University of Florida Chapter)
- 2014 Academy of Distinguished Teaching Scholars, University of Florida
- 2012 Outstanding Paper Award, US Chapter of the International Association for Landscape Ecology
- 2011 Graduate Advisor & Teacher of the Year, UF College of Agricultural & Life Sciences
- 2009 University of Florida Research Foundation Professor
- 2007 Julie S. Denslow Outstanding Article in *Biotropica* Prize, Association for Tropical Biology & Conservation
- 2005 UF International Educator of the Year ( untenured faculty category)
- 2003 Diversity Scholar, American Institute for Biological Sciences
- 2002 John L. Harper Early Career Researcher Award, British Ecological Society
- 1994 Ernest C. Mort Leadership Excellence Award, Revelle College, UC San Diego

## FELLOWSHIPS

- 2024 Edward P. Bass Distinguished Visiting Environmental Scholar, Yale University
- 2012 *Ciência Sem Fronteiras* Special Visiting Researcher Fellowship, CNPq Brazil
- 2009 Fulbright Scholar, Brazil
- 2009 Visiting Researcher Fellowship, CNPq Brazil
- 2001 NSF Minority Postdoctoral Research Fellowship
- 2001 NSF International Research Fellowship (*declined*)
- 2000 Ford Foundation Dissertation Year Fellowship
- 1999 UC Davis Graduate Studies Fellowship
- 1998 UC Davis John F. Steindler Graduate Fellowship
- 1995 NSF Minority Predoctoral Research Fellowship
- 1993 Howard Hughes Senior Honors Thesis Fellowship
- 1993 UCSD Howard Hughes Summer Research Fellowship

## GRANTS IN SUPPORT OF RESEARCH, TEACHING, & TRAINING

1. National Science Foundation. "OPUS: Is habitat fragmentation detrimental or beneficial? Promoting our understanding of a contentious ecological question via synthesis." (\$245,385, PI: E. M. Bruna)
2. UF Faculty Enhancement Opportunity Program "*Application of artificial intelligence for the study of tropical plant demography*" (\$31,159.03, Spring 2025).
3. Maxwell-Hanrahan Foundation. "*Support for the ATBC Field Grant Program*" (PIs E. M. Bruna, P. Sampaio, L. Lohmann: \$10,000 for 2022-2023, renewed 2023-2026 for \$45,000)
4. Maxwell-Hanrahan Foundation. "*Support for the UF TCD Seed Grant Program*" (\$10,000; PIs E. M. Bruna, B. Loiselle: \$10,000 for 2022-2023, renewed 2023-2026 for \$45,000)
5. Sloan Foundation. "*Reinventing Field Courses*" (\$74,060; PI: E. M. Bruna, Co-PIs: R. McCleery, P. Antonenko, N. Attias, D. Barton, 2020-2021)
6. National Science Foundation. "*SG: Synergistic effects of forest fragmentation and droughts on tropical plant population dynamics*" (\$199,904; PI: E. M. Bruna, Co-PIs: M. Uriarte, 2020-2022).
7. National Science Foundation. "*REU Supplement for SG: Synergistic effects of forest fragmentation and droughts on tropical plant population dynamics*" (\$14,400; PI: E. M. Bruna, Co-PIs: M. Uriarte, 2021).
8. National Science Foundation. "*The role of the matrix in fragmented landscapes: experimental tests and novel theory*" (\$548,058; PI: R. Fletcher, Co-PIs: E. M. Bruna, R. D. Holt, and B. Reichert, 2018-2023)
9. UF Informatics Institute SEED Funds: "*Cross-National Patterns of Productivity & Collaboration by Latin American Scientists*" (\$20,000, PI: E. M. Bruna, Co-PIs: Stephen Perz, Chris McCarty).
10. Mindlin Foundation. "*Who are the Gatekeepers of Discovery? A crowdsourced project to ID & map the editors of academic journals*" (\$3633, 2017-2018).
11. National Geographic Global Exploration Fund. "*Experimental climate change in the Amazon: How will rising CO2 influence plants, insects, and their interactions?*" (\$19,970, PI: E. M. Bruna, Co-PIs H. Vasconcelos, F. Mundim, D. Lapola).
12. John Wiley and Sons. "*Funds to support the Biotropica Editorial Office*" (\$199,945; 2014-2019).
13. UF Center for Latin American Studies Faculty Travel Award (\$1500, 2014)
14. UF Center for Latin American Studies Speakers Program. "*Herton Escobar: Science Correspondent, Estado de São Paulo Newspaper*" (\$2000, including matching funds provided by the College of Journalism and Communications, the Tropical Conservation & Development Program, and Office of the VP for Research, 2014).
15. UF IFAS Dean For Research, UF VP for Research, and FAPESP-Brazil. "*Support for 4 UF-FAPESP Collaborative Research Grants*" (\$160,000, 2013-2015).

16. UF Center for Latin American Studies Faculty Research Award: *“Cross-national patterns of productivity and collaboration by Latin American ecologists”* (\$5450, 2012-2013).
17. National Science Foundation: *“Doctoral Dissertation Enhancement Proposal: International: Carbon sequestration and tree biodiversity in Amazonian floodplain forests.”* (\$11,000; OISE-0929183 to E. Bruna prepared by and for doctoral student Christine Lucas, 2010-2012).
18. David and Lucile Packard Foundation. *“Nitrogen dynamics in Brazil’s Cerrado”* (\$142,198, Grant 2008-32691 to E. Bruna and co-PIs M. Mack and H. Vasconcelos, 2009-2011).
19. National Science Foundation. *“IGERT in Spatial Ecology & Evolution: Quantitative Training in Biology, Statistics, & Mathematics.”* (\$2,958,113; PI: B. Bolker; Co-PIs: E. Bruna, C. Osenberg, M. Martcheva, & M. Christman, 2008-2013).
20. UF International Center. *“International Speakers Program: Dr. Claudio Padua, 2008 UF Distinguished Alumnus”* (\$1500, with \$3500 in matching funds from Wildlife Ecology and Conservation, Latin American Studies, the Tropical Conservation & Development Program, and Institute for Agricultural & Life Sciences).
21. US Department of Education Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE). *“Energy, environment, and sustainable development: the central role of the United States and Brazil”* (\$202,329; PI: J. Kahn, Washington & Lee University; E. Bruna is UF Project Director; 2006-2010)
22. National Science Foundation Collaborative Grant. *“Mechanisms influencing seedling recruitment and establishment in a fragmented Amazonian landscape”* DEB-0614149 to E. Bruna (\$230,888) and DEB-0614339 to M. Uriarte, Columbia Univ. (\$251,831; 2006-10).
23. National Science Foundation Minority Career Advancement Award. *“Linking population and ecosystem ecology: how does nitrogen deposition influence plant demography in tropical savannas?”* DEB-0542287 (\$174,499; 2006-08).
24. Joseph Jones Ecological Research Center. *“Productivity and Biodiversity Patterns: Control in a SE Coastal Plain Landscape (Support for the graduate studies of Gwen Iacona).”* (\$19,860; 2005-2007).
25. National Science Foundation Collaborative Grant. *“Elucidating mechanisms of coexistence in a community of ant-plant mutualists”*. DEB-0453631 to E. Bruna (\$245,096) & DEB-0452720 to B. Inouye, FSU (\$260,000; 2005-09).
26. National Science Foundation Grant OISE-0437369. *“U.S.-Brazil Collaborative Research: Seed predation and herbivory in Neotropical savannas: are there demographic consequences for plants?”* (\$25,012; 2005-2008).
27. Conselho Nacional de Desenvolvimento Científico e Tecnológico, Brazil. *“Top-down effects on the structure of Cerrado plant communities”* (R\$ 22,875.74, Co-PI, 2005-2007)
28. Fundação de Amparo a Pesquisa do Estado de Minas Gerais, Brazil. *“Diversity and conservation of invertebrates in the”Triângulo Mineiro”: a case study using ants as bioindicators”* (R\$12,924.13; Senior Collaborator, 2005-2007)
29. Fundação de Amparo a Pesquisa do Estado de Minas Gerais, Brazil (Fapemig). *“Effect of herbivory by leaf-cutter ants on Cerrado vegetation”* (R\$25,229.74, Co-PI, 2004-2006)
30. School for Natural Resources and the Environment New Faculty Support Program. *“Seed predation and herbivory in Neotropical savannas: are there demographic consequences for plants?”* (\$5,000; 2004)
31. Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. *“Increasing the number of minority PhDs studying Ecology at UF.”* (\$32,440 and four-year Teaching Assistantships from the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences; 2004).
32. National Science Foundation Research Starter Grant DEB-0309819. *“The effect of forest fragmentation on ant-plant mutualisms.”* \$50,585; 2003-2005).
33. USAID Subcontract from IIEB. *“Sustainable Communities and Landscapes: A proposed program to sustain natural ecosystems and enhance local livelihoods in Brazil’s Amazon and Atlantic Forest regions”* (\$199,145; 10/01/03-9/30/07; PI: Marianne Schmink; EB and 5 other Co-PIs).

34. Instituto Internacional de Educação do Brasil-SUNY International Development Group. “*Training of young scientists in Amazonia: A new internship program at the Biological Dynamics of Forest Fragments Project.*” (R\$21,000; co-PI Patricia Delamônica, 2001).
35. National Science Foundation Minority Postdoctoral Research Fellowship DBI-0109226. “*The effect of forest fragmentation on ant-plant mutualisms*” (\$190,200; 2001).
36. NSF Dissertation Improvement Grant INT 98-06351. “*Effect of habitat fragmentation on the growth, reproduction, and population dynamics of an Amazonian understory herb*” (\$17,600; 1998-2000).
37. Grants for Graduate Research: Smithsonian Institution, Manomet Observatory Kathleen S. Anderson Award, Wilson Ornithological Society Paul A. Stewart Award, and UC Davis (M.E. Mathias Award, Graduate Studies Research Grant, Jastro-Shields Research Award, and Center for Population Biology Summer Research Grant (Total: \$11860; 1996-1997).
38. Grants for Undergraduate Research: Explorer’s Club Grant, UCSD Undergraduate Scholastic Research Grant (Total: \$1955; 1994-1995).

## PUBLICATIONS & SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATION

### MANUSCRIPTS & OTHER PRODUCTS IN REVIEW or REVISION

1. Ykeuti Meiga, A. Y., A. L. J. Desbiez, R. A. P. Dornas, A. Giroux, E. M. Bruna, A. Bertassoni, N. Attias, V. Hull, G. Soresini, M. H. Alves, D. Valle. Beyond deforestation: the impact of agricultural intensification on wildlife. *In review*.
2. Bruna, E. M. Declining contribution of the United States federal government to global research corpus. *In preparation*, **PNAS**. Preprint: [https://doi.org/10.31222/osf.io/4hfe9\\_v1](https://doi.org/10.31222/osf.io/4hfe9_v1)
3. Galmán, A. et. al. Beyond the mean: how plant growth-defense strategies influence intrapopulation variation in herbivory. *In review*, **Ecology Letters**.
4. Mundim, F. M., E. Vieira-Neto, G. F. Schneider, H. Alborn, E. M. Bruna. Simultaneous and sequential herbivory dynamics: exploring plant defenses strategies amidst drought challenges. *In review*, **Frontiers in Plant Science**.
5. Radhamoni, H., M. Spicer; M. Duguid, L. Comita. E. M. Bruna, A. Andrade, J. Beck, J. Burton, H. Chuquillanqui, D. Cicuzza, M. Dovciak, F. Gilliam, K. Greig, C. Hale, C. Hulshof, N. Izlar, S. Johnson, J. LaManna, D. Matlaga, D. Melly, A. Menzmer, K. Miller, G. Moulatlet, J. Myers, J. Sah, M. Vaz, A. Wassel, S. Wessel, J. Yin, A. Zuluaga, S. Queenborough. Herbaceous plants in forest ecosystems: One hundred fundamental and applied questions. *In review*, **Journal of Vegetation Science**.
6. R. J. Fletcher, Jr., T. A. H. Smith, M. Jones, F. Schellenberg, R. Payne, N. Kortessis, E. M. Bruna, and R. D. Holt. Landscape quality drives ecological change in habitat fragmentation experiments. *In revision*, **Nature Ecology & Evolution**.
7. Resende Rodrigues, D., Y. R. Bovolenta, E. M. Bruna, J. A. Pimenta, E. Bianchini. Coexistence of understory tree species via architecture differentiation in the Atlantic Forest of southern Brazil. *In review*, **Tropical Ecology**.

### PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS, BOOK CHAPTERS, & CORRESPONDENCE

**Note regarding coauthorship on publications by lab members:** I am not a coauthor on papers by lab members, including publications that result from side projects or thesis chapters, as I consider mentorship regarding study development and design, analyses, and manuscript preparation fundamental to my role as their advisor. A list of the publications by lab members on which I am not a coauthor can be found below.

1. D. S. Mason, K. M. Robertson, P. G. Hahn, E. M. Bruna, J. L. Willis, and M. A. Lashley. 2026. Fire promotes passive directed seed dispersal by birds. **Current Biology** 36(1):28–37. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cub.2025.11.014>
2. Smith, T. A. H., Holt, R. D., Bruna, E. M., & Fletcher, R. J. Jr. (2025). Isolating the role of the matrix at patch and landscape scales. **Journal of Animal Ecology** 94:1800–1810. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1365-2656.70089>

3. J. L. Hyde, C. Swanson, S. A. Bohlman, S. Athayde, E. M. Bruna, and D. R. Valle 2025. A lack of open data standards for large infrastructure project hampers social-ecological research in the Brazilian Amazon. *PeerJ* 13:e19926 <https://doi.org/10.7717/peerj.19926>
4. Bruna, E. M. 2025. Is there really such a thing as *Tropical Biology*? *Biotropica* 57: e13387. [doi.org/10.1111/btp.13387](https://doi.org/10.1111/btp.13387)
5. R. J. Fletcher Jr., T A. H. Smith, S. Troy, N. Kortessis, E. C. Turner, E. M. Bruna, and R. D. Holt. 2024. Matrix effects in ecology, evolution, and conservation. *Annual Review of Ecology, Evolution, and Systematics* 55:423-447 [doi.org/10.1146/annurev-ecolsys-102722-025653](https://doi.org/10.1146/annurev-ecolsys-102722-025653)
6. Ferreira, A. M., A. P. Faria, H. L. Vasconcelos, E. M. Bruna, V. E. Costa, A. S. Franco Pinheiro Moreira. 2024. Does anthropogenic nitrogen deposition have effects on grass physiology of natural areas? *South African Journal of Botany* 165: 339-348. [doi.org/10.1016/j.sajb.2023.12.044](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.sajb.2023.12.044)
7. The Herbivory Variability Network (Robinson, M. L., et al.). 2023. Plant size, latitude, and phylogeny explain within-population variability in herbivory. *Science* 382:679-683. DOI: [10.1126/science.adh8830](https://doi.org/10.1126/science.adh8830)
8. Bruna, E. M., M. Uriarte, M. Rosa Darrigo, P. Rubim, C. F. Jurinitz, E. R. Scott, O. Ferreira da Silva, & W. John Kress. 2023. Demography of the understory herb *Heliconia acuminata* (Heliconiaceae) in an experimentally fragmented tropical landscape. *Ecology* 104(12): [https://e4174](https://doi.org/10.1002/ecy.4174) doi.org/10.1002/ecy.4174
9. Bruna, E. M. 2023. Fundamental errors of data collection & validation undermine claims of ‘Ideological Intensification’ in STEM. *Bioscience* 73(11): 775-777. [doi.org/10.1093/biosci/biad047](https://doi.org/10.1093/biosci/biad047)
10. Fletcher, R. J., T. A. H. Smith, N. Kortessis, E. M. Bruna, and R. D. Holt. 2023. Landscape experiments unlock the multi-scale relationships among habitat loss, fragmentation, and patch-size effects. *Ecology* 104(5): e4037. [doi.org/10.1002/ecy.4037](https://doi.org/10.1002/ecy.4037)
11. Halpern, B. S., C. Boettiger, M. C. Dietze, et al. 2023. Priorities for synthesis research in ecology and environmental Science. *Ecosphere* 14(1): e4342. [doi.org/10.1002/ecs2.4342](https://doi.org/10.1002/ecs2.4342)
12. Scott, E. R., M. Uriarte, and E. M. Bruna. 2022. Delayed effects of climate on vital rates lead to demographic divergence in Amazonian forest fragments. *Global Change Biology* 28(2):463-479. [doi.org/10.1111/gcb.15900](https://doi.org/10.1111/gcb.15900) **Recipient of the Postdoctoral Excellence Award from the Ecological Society of America’s Plant Population Ecology Section**
13. Audrey C. Smith, Leandra Merz, Jesse B. Borden, Chris K. Gulick, Akhil R. Kshirsagar, Emilio M. Bruna. 2022. Assessing the effect of article processing charges on the geographic diversity of authors using Elsevier’s ‘Mirror Journal’ system. *Quantitative Science Studies* 2(4):1123-1143. [doi.org/10.1162/qss\\_a\\_00157](https://doi.org/10.1162/qss_a_00157) **Featured in Nature, NRC News.**
14. Russell, A.E., T.M. Aide, E. Braker, E. M. Bruna, C. N. Ganong, R. D. Hardin, K. D. Holl, S. C. Hotchkiss, J. Klemens, E. K. Kuprewicz, S. K. Macey, D. McClearn, G. Middendorf, R. Ostertag, J. S. Powers, S. E. Russo, J. L. Stynoski, U. Valdez, C. G. Wills. 2022. Integrating tropical research into biology education is urgently needed. *PLoS Biology* 20(6): e3001674. [doi.org/10.1371/journal.pbio.3001674](https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pbio.3001674)
15. Mundim, F. M. E. H. M. Vieira-Neto, H. Alborn, & E. M. Bruna. 2021. Disentangling the influence of resource variability and simultaneous attacks on whole-plant tolerance to herbivory. *Journal of Ecology* 109:2729-2739. [PhD Thesis Chapter]. [doi.org/10.1111/1365-2745.13684](https://doi.org/10.1111/1365-2745.13684) **Selected as a 2021 UF-IFAS High Impact Publication.**
16. Bruna, E.M., R Chazdon, TM Errington and BA Nosek. 2021. A proposal to advance theory and promote collaboration in tropical biology by supporting replications. *Biotropica* 53:6-10. [doi.org/10.1111/btp.12912](https://doi.org/10.1111/btp.12912)
17. Barbosa Silva, LV, HL Vasconcelos, MC Mack, AdS Ferreira, and EM Bruna. 2020. Effects of experimental nitrogen enrichment on soil properties and litter decomposition in a Neotropical savanna. *Austral Ecology* 45:1093-1102. [doi.org/10.1111/aec.12936](https://doi.org/10.1111/aec.12936) [Ph. D. Thesis Chapter].
18. Fournier, A., M. E. Boone, F. R. Stevens, and E. M. Bruna. 2020. refsplitr: Author name disambiguation, author georeferencing, and mapping of coauthorship networks with Web of Science data. *Journal of Open Source Software* 5(45):2028. [doi.org/10.21105/joss.02028](https://doi.org/10.21105/joss.02028)

19. Beckman, NG, CE Aslan, HS Rogers, O Kogan, JL Bronstein, JM Bullock, F Hartig, J HilleRisLambers, Y Zhou, D Zurell, JF Brodie, EM Bruna, RS Cantrell, RR Decker, E Efiom, EC Fricke, K Gurski, A Hastings, JS Johnson, BA Loiselle, MN Miriti, MG Neubert, L Pejchar, JR Poulsen, G Pufal, OH Razafindratsima, ME Sandor, K Shea, S Schreiber, EW Schupp, RS Snell, C Strickland, and J Zambrano. 2020. Advancing an interdisciplinary framework to study seed dispersal ecology. **AoB Plants** 12:plz048.
20. Costa, AN, A Bartimachi, HL Vasconcelos, EM Bruna, and EHM Vieira-Neto. 2020. Annual litter production in a Brazilian Cerrado woodland savanna. **Southern Forests** 82:65-69.
21. Powers, JS, EM Bruna, A Campos-Arceiz, P Delamonica Sampaio, SJ DeWalt, LG Lohmann, and RA Zahawi. 2020. Tropical biology and conservation in the time of the covid-19 pandemic. **Biotropica** 52:399-399.
22. Aslan, C, NG Beckman, HS Rogers, J Bronstein, D Zurell, F Hartig, K Shea, L Pejchar, M Neubert, J Poulsen, J HilleRisLambers, M Miriti, B Loiselle, E Efiom, J Zambrano, G Schupp, G Pufal, J Johnson, JM Bullock, J Brodie, E Bruna, RS Cantrell, R Decker, E Fricke, K Gurski, A Hastings, O Kogan, O Razafindratsima, M Sandor, S Schreiber, R Snell, C Strickland, and Y Zhou. 2019. Employing plant functional groups to advance seed dispersal ecology and conservation. **AoB Plants** 11:plz006.
23. Brooks, ME, K Kristensen, MR Darrigo, P Rubim, M Uriarte, E Bruna, and BM Bolker. 2019. Statistical modeling of patterns in annual reproductive rates. **Ecology** 100 (7):e02706 [Ph.D. Thesis Chapter].
24. Costa, AN, HL Vasconcelos, EHM Vieira-Neto, and EM Bruna. 2019. Adaptive foraging of leaf-cutter ants to spatiotemporal changes in resource availability in Neotropical savannas. **Ecological Entomology** 44:227-238.
25. Fletcher, RJ, Jr., JA Sefair, C Wang, CL Poli, TAH Smith, EM Bruna, RD Holt, M Barfield, AJ Marx, and MA Acevedo. 2019. Towards a unified framework for connectivity that disentangles movement and mortality in space and time. **Ecology Letters** 22:1680-1689.
26. Johnson-Ulrich, L. and E. Bruna. 2019. Emilio Bruna: Seed germination is lower in fragmented rainforest. **Project Biodiversify** [projectbiodiversify.org/emilio-bruna/](https://projectbiodiversify.org/emilio-bruna/)
27. Bruna, EM. 2018. Editorial board members are a non-random sample of ecological experts. **Nature Ecology and Evolution** 2(2):202.
28. Costa, AN, EM Bruna, and HL Vasconcelos. 2018. Do an ecosystem engineer and environmental gradient act independently or in concert to shape juvenile plant communities? Tests with the leaf-cutter ant *Atta laevigata* in a Neotropical savanna. **PeerJ** 6:e5612. [Ph. D. Thesis Chapter].
29. K. R. Zamudio, A. Kellner, C. Serejo, M. R. de Britto, C. B. Castro, P. A. Buckup, D. O. Pires, M. Couri, A. Brilhante Kury, I. Azevedo Cardoso, M. L. Monné, J. Pombal Jr., C. Mello Patiu, V. Padula, A. Dias Pimenta, R. Ventura, E. Hajdu, J. Zanol, E. M. Bruna, J. Fitzpatrick, L. A. Rocha. 2018. Lack of support for Science and Education Fails Brazilian Society - Again. **Science** 361(6409): 1322-1323.
30. Brito Darosci, AA, EM Bruna, JC Motta-Junior, CdS Ferreira, JG Blake, and CB Rodrigues Munhoz. 2017. Seasonality, diaspore traits and the structure of plant-frugivore networks in Neotropical savanna forest. **Acta Oecologica** 84:15-22. [Ph. D. Thesis Chapter].
31. Brudvig, LA, SJ Leroux, CH Albert, EM Bruna, KF Davies, RM Ewers, DJ Levey, R Pardini, and J Resasco. 2017. Evaluating conceptual models of landscape change. **Ecography** 40:74-84.
32. Costa, AN, HL Vasconcelos, and EM Bruna. 2017. Biotic drivers of seedling establishment in Neotropical savannas: Selective granivory and seedling herbivory by leaf-cutter ants as an ecological filter. **Journal of Ecology** 105:132-141. [Ph. D. Thesis Chapter].
33. Espin, J, S Palmas, F Carrasco-Rueda, K Riemer, PE Allen, N Berkebile, KA Hecht, K Kastner-Wilcox, MM Nunez-Regueiro, C Prince, C Rios, E Ross, B Sangha, T Tyler, J Ungvari-Martin, M Villegas, TT Cataldo, and EM Bruna. 2017. A persistent lack of international representation on editorial boards in environmental biology. **PLoS Biology** 15:e2002760.
34. Mundim, FM, HT Alborn, EHM Vieira-Neto, and EM Bruna. 2017. A whole-plant perspective reveals unexpected impacts of above- and belowground herbivores on plant growth and defense. **Ecology** 98:70-78.



35. Resasco, J, EM Bruna, NM Haddad, C Banks-Leite, and CR Margules. 2017. The contribution of theory and experiments to conservation in fragmented landscapes. **Ecography** 40:109-118.
36. Rocha-Ortega, M, A Bartimachi, J Neves, EM Bruna, and HL Vasconcelos. 2017. Seed removal patterns of pioneer trees in an agricultural landscape. **Plant Ecology** 218:737-748.
37. Pitman, N. C. A., J. Widmer, E. M. Bruna, C. N. Jenkins, G. Stocks, L. Seales, F. Paniagua, and E. Maehr. 2017. El sorprendente liderazgo del Ecuador en la producción científica de la región andino-amazónica, pp. 27-30 in D. Romo et al. (eds.), Los Secretos del Yasuní: Avances en investigación en la Estación de Biodiversidad Tiputini, Universidad San Francisco de Quito, Quito.
38. Carvalho, KS, MAF Carneiro, IC Nascimento, AK Saha, and EM Bruna. 2016. Lower ant diversity on earth mounds in a semi-arid Brazilian ecosystem: Natural or a sign of degradation? **Sociobiology** 63(4):1022-1030.
39. Mundim, FM, and EM Bruna. 2016. Is there a temperate bias in our understanding of how climate change will alter plant-herbivore interactions? A meta-analysis of experimental studies. **American Naturalist** 188:S74-S89. [Ph. D. Thesis Chapter] **Selected as WEC Department's 2016 High Impact Publication.**
40. Sobrinho, MS, M Tabarelli, IC Machado, JC Sfair, EM Bruna, and AV Lopes. 2016. Land use, fallow period and the recovery of a caatinga forest. **Biotropica** 48:586-597.
41. Vieira-Neto, EHM, HL Vasconcelos, and EM Bruna. 2016. Roads increase population growth rates of a native leaf-cutter ant in Neotropical savannas. **Journal of Applied Ecology** 53:983-992. [Ph. D. Thesis Chapter].
42. Parker, TH, Nakagawa, S, Gurevitch, J and IIEE (Improving Inference in Evolutionary Biology and Ecology) workshop participants. 2016. Promoting transparency in evolutionary biology and ecology. **Ecology Letters**, 19: 726-728.
43. Whitlock, MC, JL Bronstein, EM Bruna, AM Ellison, CW Fox, MA McPeck, AJ Moore, MAF Noor, MD Rausher, LH Rieseberg, M G Ritchie, and RG Shaw. 2016. A balanced data archiving policy for long-term studies. **Trends in Ecology and Evolution** 31(2) 84-85 [Response to article].
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## COURSE DEVELOPMENT & TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### University of Florida

The Future of Rain Forests (Undergraduate, 2021-2023,2025)

Data Collection & Management for Latin American Studies (Graduate, 2019-2024, 2026)

Ecology and Conservation of Tropical Wildlife (Undergraduate, biannually 2003-11 & 2012-2014,2018)



Plant-Animal Interactions (Graduate, biannually 2004-2010)  
 Fundraising for Tropical Conservation & Development (Graduate, 2013 and biannually 2016-2020)  
 Scientific Publishing (Graduate, 2014-2015, 2017-2018)  
 Ecological Principles for Development & Conservation Professionals (Graduate, 2010-2012)  
 Tropical Forest Community Ecology (Graduate, 2000)  
 Design and Methods of Research in Latin American Studies (Graduate, 2008, 2010)  
 Research Methods in Tropical Conservation & Development (Graduate, 2003-2007)  
 Seminar in Wildlife Ecology and Conservation (Graduate, 2003-2004)  
 Social Media Workshop (Graduate, 2016)

### Universidade Federal de Uberlândia

Mechanisms of Species Coexistence (Graduate, 2006)  
 Data Management & Archiving (Graduate, 2012, 2014)  
 Scientific Publishing (Graduate, 2011)

### Guest Lectures

**University of Florida:** *UF SACNAS CV Workshop* (2023, 2024, 2025), *The Professional Scientist* (WIS 6934: 2021, 2022), *Diverse Perspectives in Conservation* (WIS4934: 2021, 2022, 2025), *Human Footprint on the Landscape* (GEO3352: 2019), *Facets of Sustainability* (IDS2154: 2011, 2013), *Environmental Planning & Design* (EES 6051: 2016, 2018), *The Amazon* (LAS6290: 2009, 2011), *Design & Methods of Research in Latin American Studies* (Graduate, 2019, 2020), *Discovering Research & Communicating Science* (IDH3931: 2015), *Wildlife Techniques* (WIS4945C: 2005), *Development Theory & Practice* (LAS6938: 2010), *Wildlife Population Modeling* (WIS6466: 2003, 2006, 2008, 2010), *Principles of Wildlife Ecology & Conservation* (WIS6934: 2008), *Luso-Brazilian Civilization* (POW3500: 2004) **Yale:** *Tropical Forest Ecology & Conservation* (2024), **Michigan State University** *Decolonizing EEB* (2024), **INPA:** *Population Ecology* (2002, 2003), *Community Ecology* (2002), **OTS:** *3M Field Course* (2001), *Amazonian Ecosystems Field Course* (2001), **Antioch College:** *Semester Abroad in Brazil* (1999, 2001), **Univ. Federal do Amazonas:** *Fragmented Landscapes Field Course* (2000, 2002)

## STUDENT & POSTDOCTORAL MENTORSHIP

### GRADUATE STUDENTS ADVISED

Priyanka Hari Haran	UF	Wildlife Ecology & Conservation	Ph.D.	2025
Eric Escobar Chena	UF	Wildlife Ecology & Conservation	M.S.	2025
Thomas Smith	UF	Wildlife Ecology & Conservation	Ph.D.	2023
Simon Parsons	UF	Latin American Studies	M.A.	2018
Ernane H. M. Vieira Neto	UF	Wildlife Ecology & Conservation	Ph.D.	2016
Fabiane Moreira Mundim	UF	Wildlife Ecology & Conservation	Ph.D.	2016
Ana Ceclia Silva	UF	Latin American Studies	M.A.	2014
Paulo Rubim	UFSCar (Brazil)	Ecology	Ph.D.	2014
Pedro B. de Vasconcelos	UFU (Brazil)	Biology	M.S.	2012
Christine Lucas	UF	Wildlife Ecology & Conservation	Ph.D.	2011
Cris Follman Jurinitz	USP (Brazil)	Ecology	Ph.D.	2010
Stella Copeland	UF	Wildlife Ecology & Conservation	M.S.	2009
Gwen Iacona	UF	Wildlife Ecology & Conservation	M.S.	2008
Alana Vaz Ferreira	UFU (Brazil)	Ecology & Nat. Res. Cons.	M.S.	2008
Ian Fiske	UF	Wildlife Ecology & Conservation	M.S.	2006
Matthew Trager	UF	Interdisciplinary Ecology	M.S.	2005
Maria B. Nogueira-Ribeiro	USP (Brazil)	Ecology	M.S.	2005

*Students under my supervision have been awarded over \$35,000 in grants to support their research and been the recipients of prestigious fellowships and awards to support their studies:*

- Priyanka Hari Haran: Research Grants from the ATBC, UF-SNRE, & UF-TCD

- FLAS Fellowship (S. Parsons)
- NSF Predoctoral Fellowships (M. Trager, S. Copeland)
- UF IGERT Fellowship (C. Lucas)
- Inter-American Foundation Grassroots Development Fellowship (C. Lucas)
- UF Alumni Fellowship (M. Trager)
- Fulbright Fellowship (A. Neto)
- Science Without Borders Doctoral Fellowship (E. V. Neto, F. Mundim).
- NSF Doctoral Dissertation Enhancement Grant (C. Lucas)
- UF-WEC Jennings Scholarship (A. Neto, M. Trager, F. Mundim, G. Iacona)
- UF-CALS Doris Lowe & Earl & Verna Lowe Scholarship (C. Lucas, E. V. Neto).

*Research by my students has also been recognized for its excellence:*

- Thomas Smith: Best Student Presentation, IALE-NA Annual Meeting (2022)
- Fabiane Mundim: UF-IFAS High-Impact Publication (2021)
- Fabiane Mundim: WEC High-Impact Publication (2016)
- Ana Cecilia Silva: Honorable Mention, Charles Wood Thesis Award, UF-LATAM (2015)
- Fabiane Mundim: Honorable Mention, OTS Outstanding Paper Competition (2012)
- Christine Lucas: Marianne Schmink Outstanding Dissertation Award, UF-TCD (2012)
- Ernane Vieira Neto: E. Lucy Braun Outstanding Poster Award, ESA Annual Meeting (2011)
- Shannon Moore: Best Presentation, UF High School Student Science Training Program Symposium (2010)
- Matthew Trager: Outstanding Research Award - MS Category, Wildlife Graduate Student Association (2005)

#### DOCTORAL COMMITTEE SERVICE

Gabriela Garcia Reynaga	UMiami	Biology	Ph.D.	In progress
Jeremy Quiros-Navarro	UConn	Ecology and Evolutionary Biology	Ph.D.	In progress
Morgan Manning	UF	Interdisciplinary Ecology	Ph.D.	In progress
Fabian Romero Soto	UF	Biology	Ph.D.	In progress
Adam Herdman	UF	Environmental Horticulture	Ph.D.	In progress
Emeline Pano	UF	Biology	Ph.D.	In progress
Lydia Soifer	UF	SNRE	Ph.D.	In progress
María José Román	UF	Biology	Ph.D.	In progress
Malu Ore Rengifo	UF	Biology	Ph.D.	In progress
Ana Ykeuti Meiga	NA	Interdisciplinary Ecology	Ph.D.	In progress
Jacob Herschberger	UF	Entomology	Ph.D.	In progress
Austin Nelsen	UF	History	Ph.D.	In progress
Andrea Irons	UF	Forest Resources & Conservation	Ph.D.	In progress
Yuley Encarnacion Pineyro	UF	Biology	Ph.D.	2024
Maria Beatriz Cortez	UF	Biology	Ph.D.	2023
David Mason	UF	Wildlife Ecology & Conservation	Ph.D.	2022
Johanna R. Jantzen	UF	Biology	Ph.D.	2020
Demian Gomez Damiano	UF	Forest Resources & Conservation	Ph.D.	2020
Jacy Hyde	UF	Forest Resources & Conservation	Ph.D.	2019
Flavia Montaña Centellas	UF	Wildlife Ecology & Conservation	Ph.D.	2018
Jade Badon	UF	Entomology	Ph.D.	2018
Pablo Allen	UF	Entomology	Ph.D.	2017
Margo Stoddard	UF	Wildlife Ecology & Conservation	Ph.D.	2017
Scott Macrae	UF	Anthropology	Ph.D.	2017
Rajeev Pillay	UF	Wildlife Ecology & Conservation	Ph.D.	2016
Rosalyn Johnson	UF	Wildlife Ecology & Conservation	Ph.D.	2016
Gonzalo Rivas	UF	Wildlife Ecology & Conservation	Ph.D.	2015
Oscar Gonzalez	UF	Wildlife Ecology & Conservation	Ph.D.	2015
Trevor Caughlin	UF	Biology	Ph.D.	2013
Kristine Callis	UF	Biology	Ph.D.	2013

Marina Cortes	Columbia	Ecology, Evolution, Behavior	Ph.D.	2012
Mollie Brooks	UF	Biology	Ph.D.	2012
Silvia Alvarez-Clare	UF	Biology	Ph.D.	2012
Christie Klimas	UF	Forest Resources & Conservation	Ph.D.	2010
C. Seabird McKeon	UF	Biology	Ph.D.	2010
Joseph Veldman	UF	Biology	Ph.D.	2010
Jennifer Schafer	UF	Biology	Ph.D.	2010
Joanna Tucker	UF	Interdisciplinary Ecology	Ph.D.	2010
Dan Thornton	UF	Wildlife Ecology & Conservation	Ph.D.	2010
Matt Trager	UF	Interdisciplinary Ecology	Ph.D.	2009
Alex Jahn	UF	Zoology	Ph.D.	2009
Ivan Diaz	UF	Wildlife Ecology & Conservation	Ph.D.	2009
Christa Zweig	UF	Wildlife Ecology & Conservation	Ph.D.	2008
Silvia Lomáscolo	UF	Zoology	Ph.D.	2008
Bonifacio Mostacedo	UF	Botany	Ph.D.	2007
David Serrano	UF	Entomology	Ph.D.	2006
Traci Darnell	UF	Wildlife Ecology & Conservation	Ph.D.	2006

#### MASTERS COMMITTEE SERVICE

Emma Zeitler	UF	Wildlife Ecology & Conservation	M.S.	2023
Autumn Rose	UF	Anthropology	M.A.	2022
Tania Kim	UF	Zoology	M.S.	2006
Lauren Trotta	UF	Wildlife Ecology & Conservation	M.S.	2016
Crisne Lebron	UF	Latin American Studies	M.A.	2015
Brittany Bankovich	UF	Wildlife Ecology & Conservation	M.S.	2014
Carly Voight	UF	Latin American Studies	M.A.	2010
Nathan Marcy	UF	Wildlife Ecology & Conservation	M.S.	2010
Kristen Aaltonen	UF	Wildlife Ecology & Conservation	M.S.	2009
Laura Fonseca	UF	Latin American Studies	M.A.	2009
Mariano Rodriguez Cabal	UF	Wildlife Ecology & Conservation	M.S.	2007
Jennifer Holm	UF	Forest Resources & Conservation	M.S.	2007
Jamie Cotta	UF	Interdisciplinary Ecology	M.S.	2006
Teresa Cooper	UF	Entomology	M.S.	2006
Christie Klimas	UF	Forest Resources & Conservation	M.S.	2006
Silvia Alvarez Clare	UF	Botany, 2004	M.S.	2004
Jennifer Davies	UF	Latin American Studies	M.A.	2003
Emma Zeitler	UF	Wildlife Ecology & Conservation	M.S.	2021

#### PROPOSAL REVIEW, THESIS REVIEW, OR THESIS DEFENSE COMMITTEE

Bruna Melo de Lima	INPA (Brazil)	M.S. Defense	2023
Helen Belan	UFU (Brazil)	PH.D. Defense	2020
Talita Reis	UNICAMP (Brazil)	Ph.D. Thesis Examiner	2015
Laura Vivian Barbosa	UFU (Brazil)	Ph. D. Proposal Defense	2014
Alan Nilo da Costa	UFU (Brazil)	Ph.D. Defense	2013
Jonas B. Marvalhas	UFU (Brazil)	M.S. Defense	2013
Mauricio Bonesso Sampaio	UNICAMP (Brazil)	Ph.D. Thesis Examiner	2012
Carine Emer	INPA (Brazil)	M.S. Thesis Examiner	2011
Flávio de Oliveira Rodrigues	INPA (Brazil)	M.S. Thesis Examiner	2011
Sjirk Geerts	Stellenbosch (S. Africa)	Ph.D. Thesis Examiner	2011
Maria Rosa Darrigo	UNICAMP (Brazil)	Ph.D. Thesis Examiner	2011
Waldete Castro Lourenço	INPA (Brazil)	M.S. Thesis Examiner	2009

Carine Emer	INPA (Brazil)	M.S. Proposal Examiner	2009
Melina Alcalá	UFSCar (Brazil)	M.S. Qualifying Exam	2009
Raquel Negrão Baldoni	UFSCar (Brazil)	M.S. Qualifying Exam	2009
Pedro B. Vasconcelos	UFU (Brazil)	B.S. Thesis Defense	2009
Rafael Soares de Arruda	INPA (Brazil)	Ph.D. Thesis Examiner	2008
Ernane Vieira Neto	UFU (Brazil)	M.S. Defense	2008
Simone B. Fontoura	INPA (Brazil)	M.S. Thesis Examiner	2007
Alan Nilo da Costa	UFU (Brazil)	M.S. Defense	2007
Fabiane M. Mundim	UFU (Brazil)	B.S. Thesis Defense	2007
Simone Benedet Founatura	INPA, Brazil	M.S. Proposal Examiner	2006
Thiago Junqueira Izzo	INPA (Brazil)	Ph.D. Thesis Examiner	2005
Paula M. Pedrosa	INPA (Brazil)	M.S. Thesis Examiner	2004
Thiago Junqueira Izzo	INPA (Brazil)	M.S. Proposal Examiner	2002
Daniel Mascia Vieira	UnB (Brazil)	M.S. Defense	2002

### POSTDOCTORAL, SABBATICAL, & POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARS

Eric Scott	UF	Postdoctoral Scholar	2020-2022
Nina Attias	UF	Postdoctoral Scholar	2021-2022
Maria Rosa Darrigo	UF	Postdoctoral Scholar	2012
Paul Gagnon	UF	Postdoctoral Scholar	2008-2011
Heather Passmore	UF	Postdoctoral Scholar	2010-2011
Marina Anciães	Columbia Univ. & BDFFP (Brazil)	Postdoctoral Scholar	2007-2010
Thiago Izzo	UF & BDFFP (Brazil)	Postdoctoral Scholar	2005-2009
Laury Cullen	Inst. De Pesquisas Ecológicas, Brazil	Sabbatical Scholar	2016
Ariadna V. F. Lopes	UFPE (Brazil)	Sabbatical Scholar	2013-2014
Karine Carvalho	Univ. Estadual Sul da Bahia (Brazil)	Sabbatical Scholar	2013-2014
Ariadna V. F. Lopes	UFPE (Brazil)	Sabbatical Scholar	2006-2007
Alexandre Oliveira	USP (Brazil)	Sabbatical Scholar	2006
Laura Vivian Barbosa	UFU (Brazil)	Postgraduate Scholar	2010-2013
Paulo Rubim	UF & BDFFP (Brazil)	Postgraduate Scholar	2007-2011
Camilla Castanho	USP (Brazil)	Postgraduate Scholar	2006
Simone Athayde	Instituto Socioambiental (Brazil)	TCD Professional Visitor	2004
Maria Rosa Darrigo	BDFFP-INPA	Postgraduate Scholar	2002-2003

### UNDERGRADUATE THESIS STUDENTS, HIGH SCHOOL RESEARCHERS, & VISITING GRADUATE STUDENTS

Maíra Rocha	INPA-Botânica	Visiting Ph.D. Student	2017
Yves Bovolenta	Univ. Estadual Londrina (Brazil)	Visiting Ph.D. Student	2014
Diego Rodruigues	Univ. Estadual Londrina (Brazil)	Visiting Ph.D. Student	2014
Alan Nilo da Costa	UFU (Brazil)	Visiting Ph.D. Student	2012
Pedro Vasconcelos	UFU (Brazil)	Visiting M.S. Student	2011
Rodolfo de Abreu	USP-ESALQ (Brazil)	Visiting Ph.D. Student	2011
Caroline Ferreira	UFU (Brazil)	Visiting M.S. Student	2011
Fabiane Mundim Ribeiro	UFU (Brazil)	Visiting M.S. Student	2008
Rita Quitete Portela	UNICAMP (Brazil)	Visiting Ph.D. Student	2007
Ernane Vieira Neto	UFU (Brazil)	Visiting M.S. Student	2007
Alexzandria Areias	UF	IFAS/CALS Intern	2024-2025
Ellie McDaniel	UF	WEC Independent Study	2022
Ellie McDaniel	UF	NSF REU Scholar	2021
Andrew Mercadante	UF	NSF REU Scholar	2021
Irina Skinner	UF	UF Scholars Thesis	2009
Irina Skinner	UF	WEC Independent Study	2006
David M. Lapola	UNESP (Brazil)	Senior Thesis Co-advisor	2004

Olavo Nardy	UNESP (Brazil)	Senior Thesis Co-advisor	2000
Ian Fiske	UF	WEC Undergrad Project	2003
Bridget Chapin	UF	WEC Undergrad Project	2003
William Hahn	Eastside High School	Research Associate	2011-2012
Shannon Moore	Ft. Myers High School	SSTP Scholar	2010
Tyler Webner	American Heritage High School	SSTP Scholar	2010

**Research Interns:** 2007: Wesley Dáttilo da Cruz, Univ. Estadual do Norte Fluminense (Brazil), Jefferson José Valsko da Silva, Universidade do Norte Fluminense (Brazil). 2005-2007: Renata Pacheco do Nascimento and Cauê Thomé Lopes, Univ. Federal de Uberlândia (Brazil). 2005-2006: Polyanna Custodio Duarte, Univ. Federal de Uberlândia (Brazil). 2006: Waldete Castro Lourenço, Univ. Federal do Amazonas (Brazil), Elisabete Marques da Costa, Univ. Federal de Pernambuco (Brazil). 2005: Bruno Turbiani, Universidade Estadual Paulista (Brazil). 2004: Cristina Escate, Universidade Federal do Amazonas (Brazil), Simone Benedet, Universidade do Vale do Rio do Sinos (Brazil). 2003: Cris Follman Jurinitz, Univ. Federal do Rio Grande do Sul (Brazil), Denise Cruz, Univ. Federal do Rio de Janeiro (Brazil). 2003-2004: David M. Lapola, Universidade Estadual Paulista (Brazil). 2002: Maria Beatriz Nogueira, Universidade de São Paulo (Brazil). 2001-2002: Sylvia Heredia, Universidad de los Andes (Colombia). 2001: Obed Garcia, INPA (Brazil), Olavo Nardy, UNESP (Brazil).

## INSTITUTIONAL & PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

### UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

SEED Grant Committee, Artificial Intelligence & Informatics Research Institute (2026) Search Committee, UF QUEST Program Director (2023)  
 Samuel P. Harn Museum of Art Faculty Council (2012-2015)  
 Selection Committee, UF Undergraduate Faculty Mentor/Advisor of the Year (2022)  
 Selection Committee, UF Undergraduate Teacher of the Year (2022)  
 Selection Committee, UF International Educator of the Year (2006)  
 Selection Committee, UF Teacher/Scholar of the Year (2015)  
 UF Research Foundation Professorship Selection Committee (2010)  
 Fulbright Fellows Campus Interview Committee (2019)  
 Catalyst Fellow, UF Innovation Academy Catalyst Challenge (2018)  
 External Advisory Committee, Institute of Museum & Library Services Grant (2015-2018)  
 International Outreach Advisory Council, Graduate School (2014-Present)  
 Internal Advisory Board, Innovation through Institutional Integration (I3) program (2010-2014)  
 Administrative Council, QSE3 IGERT (2008-2014)

### UF COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL & LIFE SCIENCES

Panelist, IFAS Research Symposium (2024)  
 Peer Teaching Evaluation Committee for Dr. Raelene Crandall (UF-FFGS, 2021-2022)  
 IFAS International Programs Advisory Team (2020-2022)  
 UF-CALS Outstanding Thesis Selection Committee (2020)  
 York Distinguished Lecture Selection Committee (2015)  
 Search & Screen Committee, CALS Quantitative Sciences Faculty Positions (2013)  
 Coordinating Committee, School for Natural Resources & the Environment (2012)  
 Invited Speaker, CALS Teaching Grantsmanship Workshop (2012)  
 Mentorship Committee for Dr. Luke Flory, Dept. of Agronomy (2012)  
 IFAS Faculty Professional Development Advisory Committee (2012-2013)  
 Selection Committee, CALS Teaching and Advising Awards (2012)  
 Invited Speaker, CALS Teaching Enhancement Symposium (2010)  
 CALS Undergraduate Scholarships & Awards Committee (2007-2009)  
 Unifas Focus Group - Teaching Section (2007)  
 Unifas Advisory Committee (2006-2007)  
 Invited Speaker, CALS Teaching Enhancement Symposium (2005)

Commencement Marshal (2004, 2014, 2015, 2018)  
SNRE Seed Grant and New Faculty Support Grant Programs (2005)

#### **UF DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE ECOLOGY & CONSERVATION**

Research Committee (2005-2007, 2020-present)  
Space Committee (2019)  
Communications Committee (2014-2020)  
Graduate Program Committee (2005-2012)  
International Programs Committee (2006-2010)  
Steering Committee, PSTC Compton Fellowship Program (2002-2010)  
Seminar Series Coordinator (2003-2004)  
Seminar Series Coordinator (2015)  
Chair, Tenure Mentorship Committee for Dr. Robert Fletcher (2009-2012)  
Tenure Mentorship Committee for Dr. Nia Morales (2021-2025)  
Tenure Mentorship Committee for Dr. Matt Hallet (2022-2025)  
Search & Screen Committee, Research Asst. Professor, Zoo Wildlife Conservation Biology (2020)  
Search & Screen Committee, Asst. Professor of Population Ecology (2017)  
Search & Screen Committee, Department Head (2006)  
Search & Screen Committee, Asst. Professor of Landscape Ecology (2004)  
Search & Screen Committee, Asst. Professor of Conservation Genetics, WEC (2004)  
Chair, Peer Teaching Evaluation Committee for Dr. Ben Baiser (2025)  
Chair, Peer Teaching Evaluation Committee for Dr. Ethan White (2019-2020)  
Chair, Peer Teaching Evaluation Committee for Dr. Morgan Ernest (2017-2018)  
Chair, Peer Teaching Evaluation Committee for Dr. Lyn Branch (2011)  
Chair, Peer Teaching Evaluation Committee for Dr. Bill Pine (2010)  
Chair, Peer Teaching Evaluation Committee for Dr. Robert Fletcher (2009)  
Peer Teaching Evaluation Committee for Dr. Madan Oli (2003)  
Peer Teaching Evaluation Committee for Dr. Bill Pine (2015)  
Peer Teaching Evaluation for Dr. Michelle Mack (UF-Botany, 2006)

#### **UF CENTER FOR LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES**

Graduate Admissions Committee (2026)  
Search & Screen Committee, Asst. Professor of Environmental Justice (2023)  
Post-Tenure Review Committee (2023) LAS Faculty Advisory Council (2020-2023)  
LAS Bylaws Revision Committee (2020-2021)  
Chair, LAS Awards & Scholarship Committee (2019)  
LAS Merit Evaluation Committee (2015-2017)  
Chair, Search & Screen Committee, Lecturer in Latin American Studies (2015)  
Search & Screen Committee, LAS Communications Coordinator (2015)  
Bacardi Seminar Series Coordinator (2015)  
LAS Graduate Admissions & Fellowship Committee (2007)

#### **UF TROPICAL CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

Chair, TCD Field Research Grants Committee (2004, 2008-2010, 2015, 2020-2021, 2024)  
Academic Advisor, Tropical Conservation & Development Program (2008-11, 2021-2022)  
Steering Committee, Tropical Conservation & Development Program (2002-08, 2010-16, 2018-2024)  
Chair, Marianne Schmink Outstanding Dissertation Award Selection Committee (2010, 2011, 2013, 2022)  
Chair, TCD Fellowship Committee (2012, 2022)  
Advisory Committee, Pan-Amazon Community of Practice Project (2018-2020)  
Faculty Advisor, TCD Graduate Student Organization (2008-2016)  
Organizing Committee, TCD Strategic Planning (2007-2008)  
Advisory Council, Amazon Conservation Leadership Initiative (2004-2005)  
TCD Fellowship Committee (2003-2005)



TCD Field Research Grants Committee (2003, 2004)  
Curriculum Committee, Masters Program in Sustainable Development Practice (2010-2012)

#### **ASSOCIATION FOR TROPICAL BIOLOGY & CONSERVATION**

Search Committee, ATBC Executive Director (2024-2025)  
Search Committee, *Biotropica* Editor-in-Chief (2024-2025)  
Past-President (2022), President (2021), & President-Elect (2020)  
Chair, Nominations Committee (2022)  
Program & Organizing Committees, Annual Meeting of the ATBC (2021)  
Student Field Grants Selection Committee (2020)  
Student Field Grants Selection Committee (2020)  
Crowdfunding Workshop, Annual Meeting of the ATBC (2018)  
Annual Meeting Scientific Committee (2017, 2012)  
Councillor (2009-2011)  
Conservation Committee (2004-2006)  
Co-organizer, Symposium on Amazonian Conservation, Annual Meeting (2004)

#### **ECOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA**

Secretary (2022-2025)  
Teller's Committee (2022-2025)  
Governance & Leadership Committee (2022-2025)  
Historical Records Committee (2022-2025)

#### **OTHER INSTITUTIONS & ORGANIZATIONS**

External Tenure & Promotion Evaluations: 23 (2011-present)  
Committee of Visitors, NSF Office of International Science & Engineering (2023)  
ASN/SSE/SSB Committee on Development a Professional Code of Ethics (2018-2019)  
External Advisor, 2nd Planning Workshop, Brazilian Biodiversity & Ecosystem Services Synthesis Center (2018)  
Discussant, Research & Writing Conference, Florida Education Fund/McKnight Fellowship Program (2016)  
Co-host & Co-organizer, UC Davis Population Biology Workshop in Ecology (2000)  
Student Representative, UC Davis Population Biology GRT Executive Committee (1996-1997)  
UC San Diego EAP Selection Committee, Tropical Biology Program (1994)

#### **EDITORIAL POSITIONS & SERVICE**

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**Editor-in-Chief:** *Biotropica* (2013-2019; >2400 decisions)

**Associate Editor:** *Biotropica* (2010-2013)

**Subject Editor:** *PLOS Ecosystems* (2025-Present), *Biotropica* (2007-2019), *Ecology* (2008-2012), *Ecological Monographs* (2008-2012), *Ecological Applications* (2008-2012).

**Ad hoc journal referee (No. of reviews):** *Trends in Ecology and Evolution* (1), *Nature Human Behavior* (1), *Nature Ecology & Evolution* (2), *Information, Communication, & Society* (1), *Acta Amazonica* (1), *Ecology* (5), *Ecology and Evolution* (1), *Methods in Ecology & Evolution* (1), *Conservation Biology* (5), *Biological Conservation* (7), *Ecological Applications* (1), *Oecologia* (4), *Journal of Tropical Ecology* (2), *Journal of Ecology* (6), *New Phytologist* (1), *American Naturalist* (3), *Plant Ecology* (3), *Proc. Roy. Soc. Lond. B* (1), *Journal of Applied Ecology* (1), *Biotropica* (14), *Ecography* (5), *Ciência y Cultura* (2), *Oikos* (1), *Revista Chilena de Historia Natural* (1), *Biochemical Systematics & Ecology* (1), *Ecology Letters* (2), *Insectes Sociaux* (1), *American J. of Botany* (1), *Scientometrics* (1), *F1000* (1), *Desenvolvimento e Meio Ambiente* (1), *PLoS Biology* (2), *PLoS ONE* (1), *Theoretical Ecology* (1), *Conservation Science & Practice* (1)

**US National Science Foundation:** Proposal Review Panels: DEB Ecology (2005), DEB Population & Evolutionary Processes (2007), DEB Population & Community Ecology (2011, 2013). Ad-hoc proposal review: Division of Environmental Biology Core Programs (9), UMEB Program (2), RUI Program (1), AMERICAS Dissertation Improvement Grants

(1), NSF Global Scientists & Engineers Program (1), International Research Fellowship Program (1), Dimensions of Biodiversity Program (1)

**Other reviewer service (No. of reviews or year of service):** Red Line Editorial (2019, technical review of a K-12 book), Mindlin Foundation (2018), Cornell University Press (2017), Instituto Serrapliheira (2017), HHMI Professors Program (2017), UF FAES/CRIS Project Proposals (2), U. of Chicago Press (1), Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Minority Ph.D. Program (3), National Geographic Society (1), U. of California Press (1)

## SEMINARS, OUTREACH, & MEDIA APPEARANCES

### INVITED SEMINARS

- 2025 Yale University, Institute for Biospheric Studies
- 2024 Yale University, Institute for Biospheric Studies  
Rice University, Dept. of BioSciences Graduate Student Speaker  
University of Minnesota, Dept. of Plant & Microbial Biology
- 2022 Presidential Plenary, Annual Meeting of the ATBC  
Florida International University, Department of Earth & Environment
- 2021 Panel on Open Data, Annual Meeting of the Associação Brasileira de Editores Científicos  
UF Sociology & Criminology Graduate Student Group
- 2020 PUC Rio de Janeiro, Aula Inaugural, Departamento de Biologia  
University of Colorado, Boulder, Dept. of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology  
Diversifying Biodiversity Science' Global Roundtable, Biodiversity RCN  
Global Convolvulaceae Network, Royal Botanic Gardens Kew
- 2019 ROpenSci Community Call on Managing Multilingual Communities  
UF Health Sciences Center Library, Panel on "Unpacking Predatory Publishing"  
UFL-LAS Global Connection, Hunter's Lane High School (Nashville TN)
- 2018 Roundtable on Scientific Publishing, Annual Conference of Ford Foundation Fellows  
Symposium on Frontiers in demographic modeling for tropical forest ecology & Conservation, ATBC 2018  
Keynote Roundtable on Diversity and inclusion in Tropical Biology & Conservation, ATBC 2018  
University of Michigan, Ecology & Evolutionary Biology  
Michigan State University, Dept. of Plant Biology  
Michigan State University, Council on Diversity and Community Distinguished Speaker Series  
UF-IFAS Research Forum  
Data Science and Informatics Symposium, UF Informatics Institute  
UF Biodiversity Institute Symposium on Collaborations in Biodiversity Research
- 2017 Student & Early Career Scientist Chapter Symposium, ATBC 2017  
Springer-Nature Latin America and Caribbean Webinar Series
- 2016 Northern Arizona University, Dept. of Biological Sciences  
University of Florida, Informatics Institute  
California Academy of Sciences  
Dryad Digital Data Repository, Annual Members Meeting  
Instituto Nacional de Pesquisas da Amazônia  
University of Florida, Institute of Learning in Retirement  
Symposium on habitat fragmentation and functional homogenization, ATBC 2016  
fragmentation and functional homogenization
- 2015 Vice-President's Symposium, Annual Meeting of the American Society of Naturalists  
New Mexico State University, HHMI CREATE Speaker  
New Mexico State University, Dept. of Biology  
Organized Session on Demography & Disturbance, ESA 2015  
Universidade Federal de Uberlândia, Instituto de Biologia  
Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, Instituto de Biologia  
University of Florida, Dept. of Biology  
University of Florida, iDigBio Field to Data Workshop  
University of Florida, Fulbright Scholars Lecture Series

- University of Florida, Maguire Center for Lepidopteran Research
- 2014 Universidade de São Paulo , Instituto de Biociências  
Universidade Federal do Acre , Departamento de Ecologia e Manejo de Recursos Naturais
- 2013 University of Montana, Division of Biological Sciences  
Annual Meeting of the National Association of Science Writers
- 2012 Plenary Speaker, Southeastern Ecology and Evolution Conference  
Symposium on Ecology, Evolution, & Conservation of the Cerrado, ATBC 2012
- 2011 Symosium on Amazonia, Society for Environmental Journalists  
University of Florida, Dept. of Entomology and Nematology  
Instituto Nacional de Pesquisas da Amazônia, Depto. de Ecologia  
Horizon School, Alachua County School District
- 2010 University of Florida, Fulbright-Hays Scholars Departure Seminar  
Eckerd College, Dept. of Biology
- 2009 10th Anniv Symposium, U Fed de Uberlândia Grad Program in Ecology & Natural Resource Conservation  
Universidade Federal de São Carlos , III Ecology Symposium  
IX Brazilian Ecological Congress  
Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro , Instituto de Biociências  
University of California-Davis, LAWR-ESP Centennial Seminar Series  
California State University-Northridge, Dept. of Biology
- 2008 University of Florida, Undergraduate Honors Program  
National Science Foundation, RIG-CAA PI Meeting Panel on Career Planning  
Columbia University, Dept. of Ecology, Evolution, and Environmental Biology  
University of Central Florida, Dept. of Biology  
University of Missouri, Division of Biological Sciences
- 2007 University of California-Riverside, Dept. of Botany and Plant Sciences  
University of California-Riverside, Dept. of Biology  
University of Missouri-St. Louis, Dept. of Biology  
Symposium on Plant-Insect Interactions in the Tropics, ATBC 2007  
Washington & Lee University Petrobras Conference on the Environment, Economy & Sustainable Development  
Universidade de São Paulo , Instituto de Biociências  
University of Florida, Dept. of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences Graduate Student Symposium  
University of Florida, Center for Latin American Studies  
Instituto Nacional de Pesquisas da Amazônia, Departamento de Ecologia
- 2006 Workshop on Careers in Ecology and Evolution, SACNAS Annual Meeting  
Joseph W. Jones Ecological Research Center  
University of Florida, Dept. of Zoology
- 2005 Archbold Biological Station  
Florida State University, Dept. of Biological Sciences  
University of California-Santa Cruz, Dept of. Ecology and Evolution  
Symposium on Habitat Fragmentation in Tropical Forests, ATBC 2005
- 2004 University of Florida, H. T. Odum Center for Wetlands  
Institute for Ecosystem Studies  
Universidade Federal de Uberlândia, Instituto de Biologia  
25th Anniversary Symposium, Biological Dynamics of Forest Fragments Project  
Symposium on Amazonian Ecology & Conservation, ATBC 2004
- 2003 University of Montana, Division of Biological Sciences  
University of Florida, Dept. of Botany  
Universidade Federal do Acre , Symposium on Sustainable Development  
National Science Board, Broadening Minority Participation in S&E Research & Education Workshop  
Symposium on Emerging Threats in Tropical Forests, ATBC 2003
- 2002 University of South Florida, Dept. of Biology
- 2001 University of Florida, Dept. of Wildlife Ecology & Conservation  
University of Florida, Center for Latin American Studies  
XIII Encontro de Zoologia do Nordeste, Brazil, Symposium on Habitat Fragmentation in Brazil

- 1999 Symposium on the Zingiberales as a Model System, Annual Meeting of the Association for Tropical Biology  
1999 Symposium on Fragmentation & Plant-Pollinator Interactions, International Botanical Congress  
1998 Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History, Dept. of Botany  
1995 Universidad Autonoma de Baja California, Dept. of Biology

## INTERVIEWS & MEDIA APPEARANCES

- 2024 [Science News](#), [Revista Piauí](#), [Science](#)  
2023 [Nature](#), [Vox](#)  
2022 [NRC \(The Netherlands\)](#), [Nature](#), [WIRED Magazine](#), [Fox News Business](#), [The Scientist](#), [Miami Herald](#), [The Independent Florida Alligator](#), [Chronicle for Higher Education](#), [The Hill](#), [Voice of America](#), 'How Ecology Works' Podcast  
2021 [Chronicle for Higher Education](#), [The Florida Independent Alligator](#), [Associated Press](#), [ABC's Nightline](#)  
2020 [Washington Post](#), [South Florida Sun Sentinel](#)  
2019 [USA Today](#), [CBC News Network](#), [The Atlantic](#), [The Verge](#), [MSNBCs Velshi & Ruhle](#), [WIRED Magazine](#), [Mashable](#), [BBC World Service](#), [BBC News](#), [The Miradas Podcast](#), [Phys.org](#), [Infobae](#)  
2018 [Popular Science](#), [Associated Press](#), [National Geographic](#), [Scholastic Classroom Magazines](#), [Minnesota Public Radio's Climate Cast](#), [Gainesville Sun](#), [Mongabay.com](#), [NBC News](#), [La Repubblica](#), [Editage Insights](#)  
2017 [Nature](#), [The Wire \(India\)](#), [Chemistry World](#), [Gainesville Sun](#), [Indianapolis Star](#), [Phys.org](#)  
2016 [Nature](#), [Chronicle of Higher Education](#), [DailyDot](#), [Mongabay.com](#)  
2015 [WAMC Public Radio](#)  
2014 [NPRs Morning Edition](#) - "Joe's Big Idea", [TV Acre](#) - [Rede Globo Rio Branco](#), [Bom Dia Amazônia](#), [SciDevNet](#), [TV Gazetta](#) 'Entrevista com Rogério Wenceslau' ([Rede Record Rio Branco](#)), [Estado de São Paulo](#), [Nature.com](#), [WUFT](#), [Science/Science Insider](#), [Howler Soccer Magazine's Dummy Podcast](#)  
2013 [SciDevNet](#), [WSLR Florida-Caribe Radio Show](#)  
2006 [The Scientist Magazine](#), [Science Minority Scientists Network](#)  
2005 [Science's Next Wave](#), [Televisão Universitária](#), [Uberlândia](#), [Folha de São Paulo](#)  
2004 [Science Magazine's Minority Scientists Network](#)  
2002 [NPR's Weekend Edition Saturday](#), [BBC World Service Radio 4](#), [Austrian Public Television's Modern Times](#).

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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### TRAINING PROGRAMS

- 2013 [University of Florida Science Communication Academy](#)  
2004 [California Academy of Sciences: The Ant Course: Taxonomy & Systematics](#) (Costa Rica)  
1996 [Organization for Tropical Studies: Tropical Plant Systematics 96-9](#) (Costa Rica)  
1993 [University of California Education Abroad Program: Tropical Biology Quarter](#) (Costa Rica)

### MEMBERSHIPS IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

[Ecological Society of America](#), [Association for Tropical Biology & Conservation](#), [British Ecological Society](#), [American Association for the Advancement of Science](#), [International Society for Scientometrics & Infometrics](#)

## LANGUAGES

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Fluent in Spanish, English, & Portuguese