

# BRUNO DO ROSARIO PETRUCCI

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## EDUCATION

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### **Iowa State University**

*Expected May 2025*

PhD in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

GPA: 4.00/4.00

Advisor: Tracy A. Heath

### **University of Chicago**

*June 2020*

B.S. in Computational and Applied Mathematics with Honors

GPA: 3.87/4.00

Magna Cum Laude (2020), Dean's List (2017-2020)

## RESEARCH

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### **Iowa State University Department of Ecology, Evolution, and Organismal Biology**

June

2020 - Present

*PhD Student/Research Assistant, Advisor: Tracy A. Heath*

*Ames, IA*

- Developed on RevBayes, a team managed software for Bayesian analysis of phylogenetic trees and fossil records, fixing persistent bugs on the program
- Implemented novel diversification scenarios for simulation, and assessed the power of quantitative inference methods on detecting this signal

### **University of Chicago Department of Geophysical Sciences**

March 2019 - June 2020

*Research Assistant, Principal Investigator: Michael Foote*

*Chicago, IL*

- Developed PaleoBuddy, an R package to accurately simulate general birth-death processes, the first package to allow for time-varying age-dependency rates in diversification
- Extensively tested the package on datasets of tens of thousands of simulations, both against analytically solvable and simulated scenarios
- Wrote an Honors Thesis for the CAM major on the development and advancements of PaleoBuddy in the context of paleobiology

### **University of Sao Paulo Department of Ecology**

July 2019 - September 2019

*Research Assistant, Principal Investigator: Tiago Quental*

*Sao Paulo, SP, Brazil*

- Used R simulations to test PyRate, a widely used software to estimate diversity dynamics in deep time, on its robustness to the resolution of the fossil record
- Started development of PaleoBuddy, continuing to collaborate with Prof. Quental and his student Matheus Sousa throughout the duration of the project

### **University of Chicago Department of Ecology & Evolution**

June 2018 - September 2019

*Research Assistant, Principal Investigator: Greg Dwyer*

*Chicago, IL*

- Built differential and difference equation models in Python and R to predict dynamics of gypsy moth populations under virus spraying biological control
- Wrote a scientific publication about the need for caution in the biological control of gypsy moths found from simulation results, currently in preparation

**University of Chicago Kavli Institute for Cosmological Physics** November 2017 - June 2018  
*Research Assistant, Principal Investigator: Luca Grandi* *Chicago, IL*

- Wrote simulations on the Geant4 C++ toolkit for both geometry and particle collisions for the RELAX dark matter detector, a detector for parameter estimating in dark matter physics
- Helped in the planning of detector characteristics and expected results from simulations
- Assisted in the building of the detector itself, mostly with soldering and electronics

## TEACHING

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**Introduction to Quantitative Modeling in Biology (Basic)** March 2019 - June 2019  
*Teaching Assistant - 10h/week* *Chicago, IL*

- Taught weekly lab sessions for 15 students on R programming as well as methods for analysis of biological data in R

**Elementary Functions and Calculus I-II** September 2018 - March 2019  
*Junior Tutor - 15h/week* *Chicago, IL*

- Taught 10 students in weekly mandatory supplementary sections on the broader implications of the results covered in class, besides introducing advanced concepts to interested students

**Calculus I** September 2017 - December 2017  
*Teaching Assistant - 10h/week* *Chicago, IL*

- Held weekly office hours open to all students in the class (60), and graded homework

**Mathematical Methods for the Physical Sciences I** March 2017 - June 2017  
*Grader - 10h/week* *Chicago, IL*

- Graded weekly homework for the 30-student class

**Colegio Vital Brazil - Physics, Chemistry and Biology** September 2015 - December 2015  
*Intern - 35h/week* *Sao Paulo, SP, Brazil*

- Aided with the preparation and execution of weekly science lectures and labs; held biweekly presentations to expand on important physics and mathematics concepts for university entry exams
- Created an organizational system for easy access to the tools and equipment for the physics laboratory that the school still uses

## AWARDS & HONORS

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**EEB Fellowship** 2020-2021

- Fellowship (\$9600/semester) awarded to the highest ranked applicant in ISU's EEB program every year

**LAS Graduate Scholar Award** 2020-2021

- Award (\$3000) awarded to competitive applicants in ISU's LAS graduate programs every year

**College Research Fellows Program** January 2020 - June 2020

- Salary (\$15/hour) awarded my work with Michael Foote during the 2020-2021 academic year

**Jeff Metcalf Global Fellowship Grant** June 2019

- Fellowship (\$5000) awarded for my work with Tiago Quental in the Summer of 2019

**College Research Fellows Program** September 2018 - June 2019

- Salary (\$12/hour) awarded for my work with Greg Dwyer during the 2018-2019 academic year

### UCISTEM Summer Research Grant

June 2018

- Grant (\$1000) awarded for my work with Greg Dwyer during the Summer of 2018

## PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

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**do Rosario Petrucci, B.**, Carran, S., Dwyer, G. “Integrating Biological Control in Eco-Evolutionary Gypsy Moth Models,” under preparation.

**do Rosario Petrucci, B.**, Januario, M., Quental, T. B. “paleobuddy: An R package for flexible simulations of species diversification and sampling,” under preparation.

*paleobuddy: an R package for flexible and robust simulation of diversification dynamics*, 28th Annual EEB Symposium (2021).

*PaleoBuddy: Simulating evolutionary dynamics in R*, National Collegiate Research Conference (2020); University of Chicago Physical Sciences Division Undergraduate Research Symposium (2020).

*PaleoBuddy: An R Package for simulation of fossil records and phylogenies with variable rates and age dependency*, Paleontology Club at the University of Chicago (2019), Invited to talk.

## LEADERSHIP

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### University of Chicago Animal Welfare Society

September 2016 - June 2020

*President (2019), Events Chair (2018), Social Media Chair (2017)*

*Chicago, IL*

- Created staple events for the organization, such as an annual trip to an Illinois animal sanctuary, quarterly volunteering at the local public shelter, and biweekly animal rights presentations
- Managed events with attendance over 150 people and funds over \$3000 two years in a row

## SKILLS

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### R, Advanced

Stochastic simulations

Package publication

Pedagogical tools

### Python, Advanced

Numpy, Pandas

Matplotlib and similar

Scikit-learn (in progress)

Numerical ODEs

### Other

Shell

SQL (in progress)

### C, Intermediate

C++, Elementary

### Coursework

Functional programming

Algorithms and complexity

Systems

### Languages

Portuguese (Native)

English (Fluent)