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## **EDUCATION**

University of California, Davis, Ph.D. candidate Ecology expected 2019
Humboldt State University, M.S. Biology 2014
Florida State University, B.S. Environmental Studies 2011

# **PUBLICATIONS**

## Journal Articles

**J.M. Mola**, J.M. Varner, E.S. Jules, and T. Spector. 2014. Altered community flammability in Florida's Apalachicola ravines and implications for the persistence of the endangered conifer *Torreya taxifolia*. *PLoS ONE* 9(8): e103933.

J.K. Kreye, J.M. Varner, J.K. Hiers, and **J.M. Mola**. 2013. Toward a mechanism for eastern North American forest mesophication: differential litter drying across 17 species. *Ecological Applications* 23:1976-1986.

#### Other Publications

**J.M. Mola**. The role of native bees on organic farms in Humboldt County, California. 2014. Master's Thesis. Humboldt State University. http://hdl.handle.net/2148/1956

# Submitted or In Prep

**J.M. Mola**, N.M. Williams. Fire-induced change in flowering phenology benefits bumble bees. *Submitted*.

**J.M. Mola**, N.M. Williams. Movement ecology and scale in the bumblebee life cycle. *In Prep.* 

# **AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS**

- **2017.** American Museum of Natural History, Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Grant.
- **2017.** University of California Davis, Natural Reserve System Grant.
- **2016.** Northern California Botanists Graduate Research Scholarship.
- 2016. University of California Davis, Henry A. Jastro Graduate Research Award.
- **2016.** California Native Plant Society, Helen Sharsmith Award.
- **2016.** University of California, Mathias Graduate Student Grant.
- **2015.** University of California Davis, Henry A. Jastro Graduate Research Award.
- **2015.** American Museum of Natural History, Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Grant.

- **2015.** University of California Davis, Natural Reserve System Grant.
- **2014.** California Native Plant Society, Callahan Scholarship.
- 2014 2016. University of California Davis, Graduate Group in Ecology Fellowship.
- 2013 2018. National Science Foundation, Graduate Research Fellowship.
- **2013.** Humboldt State University, Allistair and Judith McCrone Graduate Fellowship.
- **2013.** Humboldt State University, Master's Student Grant.
- **2013.** Humboldt State University, Brusca Invertebrate Zoology Scholarship.
- **2010.** National Science Foundation, Research Experience for Undergraduates.
- **2010.** Florida State University, Student Star Award.

# **PRESENTATIONS**

#### Invited

- **2015** Lecture Plant Ecology, Humboldt State University.
- **2014** Lecture General Botany, Humboldt State University.
- **2013. J.M. Mola.** Diverse crops and diverse pollinators. Humboldt State University Sponsored Programs Foundation PI Celebration.
- **2013. J.M. Mola.** The ecology and management of wild bees on Humboldt County organic orchards. Alistair and Judith McCrone Awards Ceremony. Humboldt State University.

#### Contributed

- **2017. J. M. Mola**. SNPs v. MSATs a comparison of costs, utility, and error in sibship reconstructions. BOMBUSS Conference. Logan, Utah. *This talk was awarded a student scholarship*.
- **2017. J. M. Mola**, N. M. Williams. Bees benefit from fire due to a lengthened post-fire flowering season. Ecological Society of America Annual Conference. Portland, Oregon.
- **2017. J. M. Mola**, N. M. Williams. Bees benefit from fire due to a lengthened post-fire flowering season. Graduate Student Symposium in Ecology. UC Davis. *2nd place in the "Best Talk" contest*.
- **2017. J. M. Mola.** Motivational differences and co-foraging behaviors of bumble bee queens and workers. GGE Student Seminar Series. UC Davis. February 2017.
- **2014. J.M. Mola.** The role of native bees on organic farms in Humboldt County, California. Master's Thesis Defense, Humboldt State University.

#### **Posters**

- **2017. J. M. Mola.** Fire-induced change in flowering phenology benefits bumble bees. UC Davis Keeping Bees Healthy Symposium. *3rd place in poster contest*
- **2016. J. M. Mola.** Fine-scale population genetic structure and movement ecology of the yellow-faced bumblebee (Bombus vosnesenskii). UC Davis Keeping Bees Healthy Symposium.
- **2015. J. M. Mola.** Constructing a dynamic map of bumblebee colony density and foraging movements. UC Davis Keeping Bees Healthy Symposium.

**2011. J.M. Mola**, J.M. Varner, T. Spector, S. Sullivan, E. Engber. Contrasting flammability of adjacent plant communities: Florida's Apalachicola Bluffs and Ravines. Ecological Society of America Annual Conference in Austin, Texas.

# PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC SERVICE

Manuscript Reviewer

**2017.** Ecological Entomology, Explorations

2016. California Agriculture

Applicant Reviewer

**2017** Graduate Student Member, College of Agriculture and Environmental Science Education Committee.

2016, 2015 UC Davis Graduate Group in Ecology Admissions Committee

Other Service

**2016 - Present.** Creator, Co-Founder, Editor, *The Aggie Brickyard*, GGE Student/Faculty Publication, https://aggiebrickyard.github.io/

**2016 - Present.** Organizer, co-creator, GGE Student Seminar Series ("Brown Bag" Series). **2014 - Present.** Representative, UC Davis Graduate Student Association.

2015 - 2016. Co-chair, UC Davis Ecology Graduate Student Association.

2016, 2015. Orientation Leader, UC Davis Graduate Group in Ecology.

## **TEACHING**

**2017.** Fire and Forbs, Independent Seminar (Founded and hosted).

2012-2013. General Botany Laboratory, Humboldt State University. Teaching Assistant

# **MENTORING**

**2016** Maya Argaman, UC Davis. *Worked on*: Plant quality following wildfire at UC McLaughlin Reserve. *Current position*: Research assistant in Israel.

**2015** Jared Borba, UC Davis. *Worked on*: Plant use by bumble bees in Sierra Meadows. *Current position*: Finishing undergraduate degree.

**2013** Corey Andrikopolous, Humboldt State University. *Worked on*: Pollinator visitation to orchard crops in Humboldt County, CA. *Current position*: M.S. student at Utah State University with Dr. James Cane.

**2013** Grace Blacker, Humboldt State University. *Worked on*: Efficiency of pollinators of apple crops. *Current position*: Finishing undergraduate degree.

# SCIENTIFIC OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATION

- **2016 Present.** The Aggie Brickyard (online: http://aggiebrickyard.github.io and in print)
- \* **Editor** Volume V, Summer 2017. *Teaching!*
- + **J.M. Mola** A rollercoaster ride of bumble bee abundance the data I do, and the data I don't, have
- \* **Editor** Volume IV, Winter 2017. *Science and Advocacy*
- + J.M. Mola Does ecological research follow Betteridge's "Law of Headlines?" No.
- + J.M. Mola An emotional phenology of my time in graduate school. (Satire)
- \* Editor Volume III, Fall 2016. Gender and Diversity
- + **J.M. Mola**, J. VanWyk, M. Gottlieb. A Survey on Gender Representation in the Academy, a Focus on Graduate Committee Selection in the GGE.
- \* Editor Volume II, Spring 2016. Spring Forth!
- \* Editor Volume I, Winter 2016. It's Alive!
- **2017** Interview with The California Aggie, Better Bee-lieve it. https://theaggie.org/2017/02/02/better-bee-lieve-it-uc-davis-entomologist-helped-list-bee-as-endangered/
- **2015.** Pollinator Friendly Farming. Hoes Down Festival, Capay Valley, California.
- **2014.** Cavity nesting bee workshop (Open to general public, self-designed and taught). Campus Center for Appropriate Technology. Humboldt State University.
- **2013.** The importance of native bees for agriculture (Presentation to Klamath-Trinity Resource Conservation District) Hoopa Valley Tribal Reservation. Featured on KIDE radio.
- **2012.** Ecology and management of Osmia lignaria on diverse Humboldt County orchards. Interview with KRFH Humboldt State's campus radio.
- **2011.** Kid's Camp Instructor, *Pollination Week* and *Seed dispersal and plant reproduction*. Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory.