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## Education

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- 2015-2019 Ph.D. Biological Sciences, Clemson University, Clemson, SC  
*Functional morphology and environmental impacts on migration-related performance in amphidromous goby fishes*
- 2013-2015 M.S. Biological Sciences, Clemson University, Clemson, SC  
*Environmental effects on fish escape responses: impact of flow on the escape performance of the Hawaiian stream goby, Sicyopterus stimpsoni*
- 2009-2013 B.S. Biology, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL  
*Phylogenetic relationships and morphological variation in pitviper taxa*

## Professional Appointment

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- 2020-Present Postdoctoral fellow, Seattle Children's Research Institute, Seattle, WA  
Mentor: A. Murat Maga (NSF award #1939505)  
*Biology Guided Neural Networks (National Science Foundation sponsored collaborative project supported by the Harnessing the Data Revolution, a project under the Office of Advanced Cyberinfrastructure)*  
*Goal: Using biology-guided machine learning on open-source image datasets to answer questions in ecology and evolution.*

## Publications

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ORCID: 0000-0001-8639-6795 \*Undergraduate coauthor, ‡ International Collaborator

Schneider NG\*, McDamy AJ\*, Rubin AM\*, Schoenfuss HL, Blob RW, **Diamond KM**. Do predators take advantage of prey blind spots? In-stream analysis of predator-prey interactions in Hawaiian stream fishes. *Ichthyological Explorations of Freshwaters*. In press

Leipzig J, Bakis Y, Wang X, Elhamod M, **Diamond KM**, Dahdul W, Karpatne A, Maga AM, Mabee P, Bart HL, Greenberg J. 2021. Biodiversity image quality metadata augments convolutional neural network classification of fish species. *International Conference on Metadata and Semantics Research*. In press  
Preprint available: <https://doi.org/10.1101/2021.01.28.428644>

Blob RW, Baumann T, **Diamond KM**, Young VKH, Schoenfuss HL. 2020. Functional correlations of axial muscle fiber type proportions in the waterfall-climbing Hawaiian stream fish *Sicyopterus stimpsoni*. *Journal of Anatomy*. 236:1160–1166. <https://doi.org/10.1111/taja.13169>

**Diamond KM**, Lagarde R‡, Schoenfuss HL, Walker JA, Ponton D‡, Blob RW. 2019. Ontogenetic change in escape behavior and performance of fishes experiencing different predator regimes. *Biological Journal of the Linnean Society*. 127: 324-336. <https://doi.org/10.1093/biolinnean/blz055>

Blob RW, Lagarde R‡, **Diamond KM**, Keeffe RM\*, Bertram RS, Ponton D‡, Schoenfuss HL. 2019. Functional diversity of evolutionary innovations: insights from waterfall-climbing kinematics and performance of juvenile gobiid fishes. *Integrative Organismal Biology*. Obz029.  
<https://doi.org/10.1093/iob/obz029>

Taft NK, Taft BN, Henck H, **Diamond KM**, Schoenfuss HL, Blob RW. 2017. Comparative morphology and mechanical properties of the lepidotrichia of climbing and non-climbing Hawaiian gobioid fishes. *Cybium*. 41(2): 107-115.

**Diamond KM**, Schoenfuss HL, Walker JA, Blob RW. 2016. Flowing water affects fish fast-starts: escape performance of the Hawaiian stream goby, *Sicyopterus stimpsoni*. *Journal of Experimental Biology*. 219: 3100-3105. <http://jeb.biologists.org/content/219/19/3100>

**Diamond KM**, Trovillion D, Allen KE, Malela KM, Noble DA, Powell R, Eifler D, Gifford ME. 2014. Individual (co)variation in locomotor performance and field behavior in Curly-tailed Lizards, *Leiocephalus carinatus*. *Journal of Zoology*. 294: 248-254. <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/jzo.12175/full>

## Preprints & Submitted Publications

ORCID: 0000-0001-8639-6795 \*Undergraduate coauthor, ‡ International Collaborator

**Diamond KM**, Rolfe SM, Kwon RY, Maga AM. Computational anatomy and geometric shape analysis enables analysis of complex craniofacial phenotypes in zebrafish mutants. *Development*. In review  
Preprint available: <https://doi.org/10.1101/2021.02.12.431035>

Elhamod M, **Diamond KM**, Maga AM, Bakis Y, Bart HL, Mabey P, Dahdul W, Leipzig J, Greenberg J, Avants B, Karpatsch A. Hierarchy-guided neural networks for species classification. *Methods in Ecology and Evolution*. In review  
Preprint available: <https://www.biorxiv.org/content/10.1101/2021.01.17.427006v1>

Rolfe S, Pieper S, Porto A, **Diamond KM**, Winchester J, Shan S, Kirveslahti H, Doug Boyer D, Summers A, Maga AM. 2020. SlicerMorph: An open and extensible platform to retrieve, visualize and analyze 3D morphology. *Methods in Ecology and Evolution*. In revision  
Preprint available: <https://doi.org/10.1101/2020.11.09.374926>

**Diamond KM**, Good CJ\*, Johnny N, Sakihara TS, Edmison PL, Faust JA, Schoenfuss TA, Rubin AM\*, Blob RW, Schoenfuss HL. Pollution in paradise: assessing occurrences and biological consequences of contaminants of emerging concern on oceanic islands. *Environment International*. In review

Forker GK\*, Schoenfuss HL, Blob RW, **Diamond KM**. Bendy to the bone: links between vertebral morphology and waterfall climbing in amphidromous gobioid fishes. *Journal of Anatomy*. In revision

**Diamond KM**, Lagarde R‡, Griner JG\*, Powder KE, Schoenfuss HL, Walker JA, Ponton D‡, Blob RW. Interactions among multiple selective pressures decouple the form-function relationship in stream fishes. *Biological Journal of the Linnean Society*. In revision

McAlpine-Bellis EA\*, Utsumi KL\*, Klein JRV\*, **Diamond KM**, Gilbert-Smith S\*, Garrison GE, Eifler M, Eifler D. Movement patterns and habitat use for sympatric species with differing prey detection strategies. *Herpetologica*. In revision

## Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

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| 2020 | Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, supported by the Biology Guided Neural Networks (A. Murat Maga NSF #1939505)  |
| 2019 | Vision Research Corporation, Phantom Camera Education Challenge – Awarded equipment usage for filming high speed videos of fish escape responses and climbing trials (eq. \$11,340) |
|      | Clemson Professional Enrichment Grant (\$1000)  |

- 2019    Clemson Professional Development Grant for Graduate Student Research (\$1000)  
         Biological Sciences Graduate Student Association, Travel Award (\$300)  
         Alfred 'Hap' Wheeler Distinguished BSGSA Member Award
- 2018    American Philosophical Society, Lewis & Clark Fund for Exploration & Research (\$4300)  
         American Museum of Natural History, Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Fund fellowship (\$3413)  
         Findley Student Assistance Endowment (\$1500)  
         Clemson Professional Enrichment Grant (\$648)
- 2017    Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology Fellowship of Graduate Student Travel (\$2000)  
         Biological Sciences Graduate Student Association, Travel Award (\$400)  
         Clemson Professional Enrichment Grant (\$750)  
         Biological Sciences Graduate Student Association Commitment to Service
- 2016    American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists, Edward C. Raney Grant (\$800)  
         Biological Sciences Graduate Student Association, Travel Award (\$400)  
         Clemson Professional Enrichment Grants (\$750, \$302, \$414)
- 2015    Biological Sciences Graduate Student Association, Travel Award (\$300)
- 2014    Sigma Xi Grant-in-Aid of Research (\$1000)  
         Clemson Professional Enrichment Grant (\$650)  
         Biological Sciences Graduate Student Association Commitment to Research
- 2012    Student Government Association Travel Award (\$300)
- 2011    Innovation through Institutional Integration Fellowship (2011-2013)
- 2010    Research and Mentoring Program Scholarship (2010-2011)  
         Work Force Central Florida Grant for Undergraduate Research
- 2009    Florida Bright Futures Scholarship (2009-2013)

### Teaching and Leadership Experience

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- 2020-Present    Advisory Board Member, Erell Institute  
                      *Advise on projects and future directions for the non-profit research institute*
- 2020-2021       [SlicerMorph](#) Workshop Instructor  
                      *Introduction to using SlicerMorph for collecting morphological measurements*
- 2017-2020       Mentor, Erell Institute  
                      *Develop research projects with pre-graduate students*

- 2018-2019 Founding member of Clemson University, College of Science Outreach Team  
*Organized science themed community events*
- 2016-2019 Mentor, New Foundations foster home for children  
*Worked one on one with a high school student to encourage learning and self esteem*
- 2014-2019 Creative Inquiry Mentor, Clemson University  
*Trained and oversaw independent projects of 9 undergraduate students*
- 2013-2019 Graduate teaching assistant. Clemson University  
*Labs: Vertebrate Biology, Comparative Vertebrate Morphology, Human Physiology, Mammalogy*
- 2018 Organizer, Graduate Research Brown Bag seminar series  
*Invited, advertised, and moderated semester long seminar series to highlight graduate student research*
- 2017-2018 Clemson Hope- Paw Pals  
*Helped elementary school students to improve writing skills*
- 2016-2018 Lead teaching assistant. Vertebrate Biology Laboratory. Clemson University  
*Organized 9-12 laboratory sections. Updated content to reflect new findings in the field and emphasize the connection between field observation and course content.*
- 2016-2018 Representative for Department of Biological Sciences to the College of Engineering and Sciences Student Advisory Board  
*PR committee and Outreach committee*
- 2014-2018 Guest lecture. Clemson University. Vertebrate Biology  
*Topics include Endothermy vs Ectothermy, Bird diversity, Dinosaurs & other Mesozoic diapsids, Mammal diversity*
- 2014-2016 Clemson University Natural History Museum. Laboratory and Website Development  
*Developed content and created interactive displays*
- 2011-2013 Mentor, Internet Science and Technology Fair  
*Worked with e-learning students on science fair projects*

### Service & Outreach Activities

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- Reviewer for: *Proceedings of the Royal Society B, Integrative Organismal Biology, Journal of Fish Biology, Ichthyology and Herpetology*
- 2021-Present Assistant Editor for *Integrative and Comparative Biology*
- 2020-Present Ask an animal scientist! (<http://askananimalscientist.com/>)  
*Created a website aimed at encouraging kids of all ages to ask questions about animals during the Covid-19 shutdown*
- 2019-Present Skype a Scientist volunteer  
*Skype with kids of all ages to talk about biomechanics, ecology, and how science works! I have spoken with students at all age levels in CT, FL, GA, MA, NC, NY, UT, VA, WA, Canada, and the UK through this program!*

- 2019-Present Outreach associate for the journal *Integrative Organismal Biology*.  
*Write blog posts to promote journal articles, including:*  
[\*Thick fish feed with superior suction\*](#)  
[\*Not all flashy snakes thrash dance the same!\*](#)  
[\*Egg-laying strategies of avian ancestors\*](#)  
[\*Antlion pits take advantage of ant slips\*](#)  
[\*Digital dissections finesse flight muscle measurements\*](#)  
[\*Big baby hypothesis supported by fossil fragments\*](#)
- 2018 Panelist, 'Writing a competitive travel grant,' SICB annual meeting, San Francisco, CA
- 2017 Tiger Talks  
*Encouraged elementary school students to pursue their interests in STEM*
- 2015-2016 Bring Your Daughter to Clemson Day  
*Developed interactive, hands-on displays for girls interested in STEM*
- 2014 - 2016 Clemson Relay for Life team member  
*Organized fundraisers for the American Cancer Society*
- 2013-2015 Graduate School Application Workshop, Clemson University  
*Collected and presented content to help undergraduates apply to graduate programs*

## Affiliations

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- 2019-Present Sigma Xi
- 2017-Present Society for the Study of Evolution
- 2015-Present International Society of Vertebrate Morphology
- 2014-Present American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists
- 2013-Present Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology  
*Divisions of Vertebrate Morphology, Comparative Biomechanics, and Ecology and Evolution*
- 2013- 2019 Clemson Biological Sciences Graduate Student Association  
*Member 2013-2019. Officer 2014-2015 & 2018*

## Professional Development

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- 2020-Present Social Justice in Ecology Meetup group  
*Meet biweekly to discuss readings and best practices for making ecology more equitable*
- 2020 Virtual Morphometrics Meetup group  
*Met monthly to discuss cutting edge methods in quantifying morphology*
- 2020 Jackson Laboratories human and mammalian genetics and genomics: the 61st McKusick short course, virtual meeting

- 2019 Educating the vertebrate morphologists of the 21st century: technology, pedagogy, and core concepts symposia. International Congress of Vertebrate Morphologists. Prague, Czech Republic.
- 2016-2019 Clemson Writers Guild  
*Met weekly to improve scientific writing skills*
- 2017 University of Washington Fish Biomechanics course, Friday Harbor, WA
- 2015 National Institute for Mathematical and Biological Synthesis Tutorial on Evolutionary Quantitative Genetics
- 2014 Teaching Colloquium Course. Clemson University  
*Semester long course that focused on pedagogy and teaching methods*
- 2014 Big Island Water Resources Meeting. University of Hawaii. Hilo, HI

### Invited Presentations

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- 2020 Using machine learning and computational anatomy to quantify phenotype. Seattle Children's Research Institute, Seattle, WA (virtual)
- Using Slicermorph in Biomechanics. St. Mary's College, Notra Dame, IN (virtual)
- Using quantitative anatomy to define cranial phenotypes in mutant zebrafish. University of Washington, Seattle, WA (virtual)
- Ask an animal scientist live! Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Seattle, WA (virtual)
- 2019 Migration performance: Gobies do more than just climb waterfalls. Wake Forest University, Salem, NC

### Presentations

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\*Undergraduate Student, ‡ International Collaborator

- 2021 Machine learning-based segmentation and landmarking of 2D fish images. **KM Diamond**, BB Avants, AM Maga. Annual SICB meeting (virtual)
- Geometric morphometrics of climbing kinematics in waterfall climbing goby fishes. JG Griner\*, AM Palecek, **KM Diamond**, HL Schoenfuss, RW Blob. Annual SICB meeting (virtual)
- Ontogenetic change in performance: do innovations constrain performance? HL Schoenfuss, **KM Diamond**, R Lagarde‡, T Maie, RW Blob. Annual SICB meeting (virtual)
- Measuring craniofacial variability in zebrafish using computational anatomy. **Diamond KM**, Kwon RY, Maga AM. Presented at SCRI research symposia (virtual December 2020) and annual SICB meeting (virtual)
- 2020 Linking morphology, performance, and behavior in the migration of stream goby fishes. **KM Diamond**, JG Griner\*, R Lagarde‡, D Ponton‡, KE Powder, HL Schoenfuss, JA Walker, RW Blob. Annual SICB meeting. Austin, TX.

- 2020 Comparative body shapes of amphidromous goby fishes living in different predator regimes. JF Griner\*, **KM Diamond**, RW Blob. Annual SICB meeting. Austin, TX.
- Do predators take advantage of prey blind spots? In-stream analysis of predator-prey interactions in Hawaiian stream fishes. NG Schneider\*, AJ McKamy\*, **KM Diamond**, RW Blob. Annual SICB meeting. Austin, TX.
- Locomotor mechanics of juvenile alligators reveals ontogenetic changes in the roles of the fore- and hindlimbs. M Iijima‡, VD Munteanu, **KM Diamond**, RW Blob. Annual SICB meeting. Austin, TX.
- Humeral strains during climbing in green iguanas: testing biomechanical release as a mechanism promoting morphological transitions in arboreal vertebrates. VD Munteanu, **KM Diamond**, CJ Mayerl, RW Blob. Annual SICB meeting. Austin, TX.
- 2019 Morphology, performance, & anti-predator strategies of gobiid fishes across predator regimes. **KM Diamond**, R Lagarde‡, D Ponton‡, K Powder, HL Schoenfuss, RW Blob. ICVM. Prague, Czech Republic.
- Climbing and escape performance over migration pulses in the Hawaiian goby. **KM Diamond**, HL Schoenfuss, RW Blob. Annual SICB meeting. Tampa, FL
- Bendy to the bone: a study of climbing goby vertebrae. GK Forker\*, **KM Diamond**, RW Blob. Focus on Creative Inquiry. Clemson, SC
- 2018 Do predators take advantage of prey blind spots? AJ McKamy\*, NG Schneider\*, **KM Diamond**, RW Blob. SE SICB meeting, Clemson, SC.
- Bendy to the bone. GK Forker\*, **KM Diamond**, RW Blob. SE SICB meeting, Clemson, SC.
- Take it or leave it. Fast-start modulation in the great sculpin *Myoxocephalus polyacanthocephalus*. LM Penrod, A Daddino, **KM Diamond**, JL Johansen, JF Steffensen‡, P Domenici‡. Annual SICB meeting. San Francisco, CA
- Where to find the best bugs: a study of habitat use among lizard species with different movement strategies. EA Mcalpine-Bellis\*, GE Garrison, S Gilbert Smith\*, JRV Klein\*, KL Utsumi\*, **KM Diamond**, D Eifler, M Eifler. Annual SICB meeting. San Francisco, CA
- Does the form of stress matter? A comparison of Pacific sand lance (*Ammodytes hexapterus*). A Daddino, **KM Diamond**, L Penrod, JL Johansen, JF Steffensen‡, P Domenici‡. Annual SICB meeting. San Francisco, CA
- Do the best come first? Locomotor performance over the course of migration events in the amphidromous goby fish, *Sicyopterus stimpsoni*. **KM Diamond**, HL Schoenfuss, RW Blob. Annual SICB meeting. San Francisco, CA
- 2017 Locomotor performance over the course of migration events in the amphidromous goby fish, *Sicyopterus stimpsoni*. **KM Diamond**, RW Blob. Southeastern SICB meeting. Blacksburg, VA

- 2017 Comparative escape performance of prey fish species that face different degrees of range overlap with predators. **KM Diamond**, HL Schoenfuss, JA Walker, RW Blob. Clemson Biological Sciences Annual Student Symposium. Clemson, SC (3<sup>rd</sup> place oral presentation)
- Does ontogenetic environment influence escape response? Comparative escape responses of goby fishes through ontogeny and among islands. **KM Diamond**, HL Schoenfuss, JA Walker, RW Blob. Annual SICB meeting. New Orleans, LA
- Assessing the impacts of environmental contaminants on escape behavior in the migratory stream goby *Sicyopterus stimpsoni*. AM Rubin\*, **KM Diamond**, HL Schoenfuss, RW Blob. Annual SICB meeting. New Orleans, LA & Clemson Biological Sciences Annual Student Symposium. Clemson, SC (2<sup>nd</sup> place in best poster)
- Comparative waterfall climbing kinematics of goby fishes from Hawai'i and Réunion: are recently evolved behaviors less variable? RM Keeffe\*, **KM Diamond**, R Lagarde‡, D Ponton‡, RS Bertram, HL Schoenfuss, RW Blob. Annual SICB meeting. New Orleans, LA
- Mechanical specializations of the fin rays in waterfall-climbing gobiid fishes. NK Taft, BN Taft, **KM Diamond**, HL Schoenfuss, RW Blob. Annual SICB meeting. New Orleans, LA
- 2016 Does ontogenetic environment correlate with escape behavior in fish? **KM Diamond**, HL Schoenfuss, JA Walker, and RW Blob. Southeastern SICB meeting. Durham, NC
- Is fish escape performance influenced by flow? Tests in the Hawaiian stream goby, *Sicyopterus stimpsoni*. **KM Diamond**, HL Schoenfuss, JA Walker, and RW Blob. Annual SICB meeting. Portland, OR
- Waterfall-climbing performance of gobiid fishes from La Réunion: how conservative are novel functional behaviors? RS Bertram, HL Schoenfuss, R Lagarde‡, D Ponton‡, **KM Diamond**, T Offerle, and RW Blob. Annual SICB meeting. Portland, OR
- Field observation of intraspecific and predatory attack behaviors of the Hawaiian sleeper fish, *Eleotris sandwicensis*. AM Rubin\*, **KM Diamond**, HL Schoenfuss, and RW Blob. Presented at Annual SICB meeting. Portland, OR & Clemson Biological Sciences Annual Student Symposium. Clemson, SC
- 2015 Impacts of flow speed and attack direction on the fast-start escape response of the Hawaiian goby, *Sicyopterus stimpsoni*. **KM Diamond**, HL Schoenfuss, JA Walker, and RW Blob. Southeastern SICB meeting. Atlanta, GA.
- Just keep swimming! Testing effects of flow speed and stimulus direction on escape behavior in a Hawaiian gobioid. **KM Diamond**. Clemson Biological Sciences Annual Student Symposium. Clemson, SC
- Fast-start escape behavior in juvenile Hawaiian gobies, *Sicyopterus stimpsoni*: testing effects of flow speed and stimulus direction. **KM Diamond**, HL Schoenfuss, JA Walker, and RW Blob. Presented at: Southeastern SICB meeting. Chapel Hill, NC (2014) and Annual SICB meeting. West Palm Beach, FL (2015)
- 2014 Sistemática y biogeografía de *Bothriechis schlegelii* (Berthold, 1846) (Serpentes: Viperidae), una aproximación molecular y morfológica. JP Hurtado Gómez‡, **KM Diamond**, CL Parkinson, and JM Daza Rojas‡. IV Congreso Colombiano de Zoología. Cartagena de Indias, Colombia



- 2014 Combined morphological and molecular analysis of rattlesnake phylogeny. AM Fenwick, **KM Diamond**, CL Parkinson. Southwestern Association of Naturalists Annual Meeting. Stillwater, OK
- Evolutionary history and polymorphism of the eyelash palm pitviper (*Bothriechis schlegelii*). **KM Diamond**, JP Hurtado Gómez‡, JM Daza Rojas‡, CL Parkinson. Biology of the Pitvipers Symposium. Tulsa, OK
- Individual variation in locomotor performance and field behavior in northern curly-tailed lizards (*Leiocephalus carinatus*): **KM Diamond**, ME Gifford, and R Powell. Annual SICB meeting. Austin, TX
- 2013 Evolutionary history and polymorphism in the Eyelash Palm Pit-viper (*Bothriechis Schlegelii*): **KM Diamond**, and CL Parkinson. Presented at: Southeastern Ecology and Evolution Conference and Showcase of Undergraduate Research. Orlando, FL
- 2012 Phylogeny of rattlesnakes (*Crotalus and Sistrurus*) based on morphological and molecular data: **KM Diamond**, AM Fenwick, CL Parkinson. Presented at: Southeastern Ecology and Evolution Conference. Clemson, SC and Showcase of Undergraduate Research. Orlando, FL
- 2011 Understanding evolutionary relationships of rattlesnakes (*Crotalus* and *Sistrurus*): **KM Diamond**, AM Fenwick, CL Parkinson. Showcase of Undergraduate Research. Orlando, FL
- Combined morphological & molecular analysis of rattlesnake phylogeny: AM Fenwick, **KM Diamond**, CL Parkinson. Biology of the Rattlesnakes Symposium. Tucson, AZ