

# Geneviève Kathleen Smith Ph.D.

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## EDUCATION

Ph.D. 2013 Ecology, Evolution & Behavior The University of Texas at Austin  
M.Sc. 2007 Biology, with great distinction McGill University  
B.Sc. 2001 Biology & History, with distinction McGill University

## SKILLS

Communication Experienced speaker at academic meetings, workshops, & public outreach lectures, statistical consultant for graduate students & faculty, plus >10 years of teaching & curriculum development.

Analytical Very strong statistical background, including regression methods: GLM, linear, logistic, & hierarchical models; ordination: PCA, CA, & NMDS; ODEs; SEMs; time series & wavelet analysis; Bayesian models.

Computational Experienced in diverse methods, e.g. simulation modeling, handling large data sets, & data visualization with a variety of tools including R, Python, SAS, SPSS, MATLAB & D3.

## EXPERIENCE

### *Statistical Consultant & Graduate Fellow*

Division of Statistics and Scientific Computation UT Austin 2012-2013  
Consulted faculty & graduate students on selecting and using statistical tools  
Collaborated on analyses of socioeconomic, mental health, and literary data  
Presented tutorials on statistical methods and consulting techniques

### *Graduate Student Researcher*

Department of Integrative Biology UT Austin 2007-2013  
Performed field surveys, genetic laboratory work, and ecological experiments  
Published several academic manuscripts & presented at national conferences  
Built multiple theoretical ecological models & compiled data from public online sources

Department of Biology McGill University 2004-2007

Monitored mussel populations along >100 km of coastline  
Modeled population connectivity patterns  
Analyzed >15 million years of forest dynamics using pollen records

### *Graduate Teaching Assistant*

UT Austin 2007-2013 & McGill University 2004-2007  
Taught computer labs, field labs, molecular labs, scientific writing & statistics  
Lectured to >50 undergraduates, led seminar discussions, coordinated field trips  
Supervised undergraduate teaching assistants, maintained online course materials

### *Science & Technology Research Intern*

Research Branch Canadian Library of Parliament 2001-2002  
Briefed Members of Parliament on diverse science policy topics  
Provided legislative summaries & research support for MPs & committees

## WORKSHOPS & COURSES

Software Carpentry Instructor Training, April-June 2014 (ongoing), [teaching.software-carpentry.org](http://teaching.software-carpentry.org)  
Machine Learning, Mar-Jun 2014, Coursera/Stanford University  
Software Carpentry Bootcamp (instructor helper), Feb 2014, University of Missouri, Kansas City  
Presenting Data and Information by Edward Tufte, Feb 2014, Austin, Texas  
Scientific Python & High Performance and High Throughput Computing with R, Scientific Software Days, Dec 2013, The University of Texas at Austin  
Programming for Data Analysis, Sept-Oct 2013, Coursera/Johns Hopkins University  
Big Data in Biology (invited participant), May 2013, Okinawa Institute for Science & Technology, Okinawa, Japan  
Software Carpentry Bootcamp, May 2012, Dec 2012, The University of Texas at Austin

## AWARDS

Doctoral Research Scholarship, Fonds québécois de la recherche sur la nature et les technologies  
Graduate Dean's Prestigious Fellowship Supplement, The University of Texas at Austin  
Visiting Graduate Fellowship, W.K. Kellogg Biological Station, Michigan State University  
Research Fellowship, EEB Graduate Program, The University of Texas at Austin

## ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Bruster, D. S., & **G. K. Smith**. A New Chronology for Shakespeare's Plays. *Submitted to Literary & Linguistic Computing*.  
**Smith, G. K.**, & M. A. Leibold. In revision. Experimental evidence for both niche equivalence and niche differentiation within a cryptic species complex.  
**Smith, G. K.**, G. A. Wellborn, & M. A. Leibold. In revision. Geographical variation in ecological divergence and niche overlap in a complex of cryptic *Hyaella* amphipods.  
McTavish\*, E. J., **G. K. Smith\***, R. Guerrero, & E. Gering. 2012. Flight morphology variation in a damselfly with female-limited polymorphism. *Evolutionary Ecology Research*, 14: 1–17.  
**Smith, G. K.**, E. Gering, R. F. Guerrero, E. J. McTavish, & T. Lydgate. 2009. *Theobroma cacao* Agroecology in Kauai: A Case Study. *Pacific Agriculture & Natural Resources* 1: 21-26.  
**Smith, G. K.**, F. Guichard, F. Petrovic, & C. W. McKindsey. 2009. Using spatial statistics to infer scales of demographic connectivity between populations of the blue mussel, *Mytilus* spp. *Limnology & Oceanography*. 54: 970-977.  
**Smith, G. K.**, C. Stamm, & F. Petrovic. 2003. *Haliotis cracherodii*. In: IUCN 2009. IUCN Red List of Threatened Species. Version 2009.1.

## SELECTED TALKS & PRESENTATIONS

The Coexistence of Ecologically Similar Species. Dissertation defense, UT Austin 2013.  
Building Networks of Neural Cognition Using BIG fMRI Data. Okinawa Institute for Science & Technology – Big Data in Biology Workshop, Okinawa 2013.  
Conflict Avoidance: How not competing can be the ticket to success. Science Under The Stars, Austin 2012.  
Competition for resources in an evolving metacommunity. Canadian Society for Ecology & Evolution – American Society of Naturalists, Ottawa 2012.  
Coexistence of cryptic species: Is within-lake habitat partitioning responsible in the case of *Hyaella* amphipods? Ecological Society of America, Albuquerque 2009.  
From open to metapopulations: scales of demographic coupling in the St. Lawrence Estuary. Benthic Ecology Meeting, Quebec City 2006.