

Jessica L. Burnett

Computational Ecology | Macroecology | Regime Shifts

Education

2019 *expected* Ph.D., Natural Resource Sciences and Applied Ecology, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
2015 M.Sc., Wildlife Ecology and Conservation, University of Florida
2013 B.Sc., Wildlife Ecology and Conservation, University of Florida
2010 A.A., Valencia Community College

Professional Appointments

2015- Graduate Research Assistant, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
2013-15 Graduate Teaching and Research Assistant, University of Florida
2013 Geospatial Analyst, Florida Fish and Wildlife Research Institute
2011-13 Research Assistant, Sieving Lab of Avian Ecology and Conservation, University of Florida
2011-13 Smithsonian Fellow, Neighborhood Nestwatch Crew Leader, Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center

Peer-reviewed publications

1. **Burnett, J.L.**, K.L. Pope, A. Wong, C.R. Allen, D.M. Haak, B.J. Stephen, and D.R. Uden. 2018. Thermal tolerance limits of the invasive Chinese mysterysnail *Bellamya chinensis* and implications for management“. *American Malacological Bulletin* 36(1): 140-144 DOI:10.4003/006.036.0106
2. Donovan, V.M., **J.L. Burnett**, C.H. Bielski, H.E. Birge, R. Bevans, D. Twidwell, and C.R. Allen. (2018) Social-ecological landscape patterns predict woody encroachment from native tree plantings in a temperate grassland *Ecology and Evolution* 8(19): 9624-9632 DOI:10.1002/ece3.4340
3. La Sorte, F.A., C.A. Lepczyk, **J.L. Burnett**, A. Hurlbert, M. Tingley, and B. Zuckerberg. 2018. Opportunities and challenges for big data ornithology. *The Condor* 120(2): 414-426 DOI:0.1650/CONDOR-17-206.1
4. Roberts, C.P., D. Twidwell, **J.L. Burnett**, V.M. Donovan, C. Wonkka, C.H. Bielski, A.S. Garmestani, D.G. Angeler, T. Eason, B.W. Allred, M.O. Jones, D.E. Naugle, S. Sundstrom, C.R. Allen, (2018) Early warnings for state transitions. *Rangeland Ecology and Management* DOI:10.1016/j.rama.2018.04.012
5. Chuang, W.C., A.S. Garmestani, T. Eason, T.L. Spanbauer, H.B. Fried-Peterson, C. Roberts, S. Sundstrom, **J.L. Burnett**, D. G. Angeler, B. Chaffin, L. Gunderson, D. Twidwell, C.R. Allen. 2018. Enhancing quantitative approaches for assessing ecological and community resilience. *Journal of Environmental Management* 213: 353-362 DOI:10.1016/j.jenvman.2018.01.083
6. **Burnett, J.L.**, C.R. Allen, C.P. Roberts, M.Bomberger Brown, and M.P. Moulton. 2017. Eurasian Tree Sparrow (*Passer montanus*) range expansion in North America. *Biological Invasions* 19(1): 5-9 DOI:10.1007/s10530-016-1273-4
7. **Burnett, J.L.** and K.E. Sieving. 2016. Songbird distress call as a detection enhancement method and application to Red-shouldered Hawks (*Buteo lineatus*). *Florida Field Naturalist* 44(4):157-168
8. C.R. Allen, H.E. Birge, S.L. Bartlett-Hunt, R.A. Bevans, **J.L. Burnett**, B.A. Cosens, X. Cai, A.S. Garmestani, I. Linkov, E.A. Scott, M.D. Solomon, and D.R. Uden. 2016. Avoiding decline: Fostering resilience and sustainability in midsize cities. *Sustainability* 8(9):844-868 DOI:10.3390/su8090844

9. **Burnett, J.L.** and M.P. Moulton. 2015. Recent trends in House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*) distribution and abundance in Gainesville, Alachua County, Florida. *Florida Field Naturalist* 43(4):167-172

First-authored manuscripts under review

1. **Burnett, J.L.**, R. Wilcox, B. Stephen, D. Haak, D. Uden, C.R. Allen, and K. Pope. Shell strength does not limit predation of an invasive snail species (*Bellamya chinensis*) by native fish. *under review at Journal of Freshwater Ecology*

First-authored manuscripts in preparation (available upon request)

1. **Burnett, J.L.**, N.B. Price, A.J. Tyre, T.J. Hefley, T. Eason, C.R. Allen, and D. Twidwell. A guide to Fisher Information for ecologists.
2. **Burnett, J.L.**, N.B. Price, C.R. Allen, B.D. Fath, E. Rovenskaya, D. Twidwell, A.J. Tyre, P. Zebrowski. Distance travelled: using Pythagorean's theorem to track ecosystem trajectory and abrupt change.
3. **Burnett, J.L.**, Z. Warren, M. Podebrovska, B. Dueker, K. Lamke, B. Seguin, D. Twidwell, and C.R. Allen. Sexual size dimorphism in mammalian communities of mediterranean Australian regions.
4. **Burnett, J.L.**, L. Wszola, N. Mirochnitchenko, E. Stuber, M. Bomberger Brown, C.R. Allen, D. Twidwell, and J. Carroll. Large-sacle crop patterns influence Gray Partridge (*Perdix perdix*) site occupancy in North America.

Select Honors & Awards

2017-18	Fling Fellowship, University of Nebraska-Lincoln	\$20,000
2016-18	University of Nebraska Center for Great Plains Studies Graduate Fellow	
2016-	AAAS/Science Program for Excellence in Science Award 2016	2nd place, School of Natural Resources Elevator Speech Competition
2016-18	Resilience Alliance Young Scholar, The Resilience Alliance	
2015-18	Othmer Fellowship, University of Nebraska-Lincoln	\$24,000

Grants

for research

2013	IFAS Extension Internship for Undergraduate Research, University of Florida	\$2,200
2013	Ordway-Swisher Biological Station Undergraduate Research, University of Florida	\$550

for travel

2017	Nelson Memorial Fellowship, Univeristy of Nebraska-Lincoln	\$695
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2016	Nelson Memorial Fellowship, Univeristy of Nebraska-Lincoln	\$900
2016	Center for Great Plains Studies, Univeristy of Nebraska-Lincoln	\$750
2016	American Ornithologists' Union	\$250
2015	NSF Diversity Award, Southeastern Ecology and Evolution Conference	\$650
2015	Department of Wildlife Ecology and Conservation, University of Florida	\$250
2015	Graduate Student Council, University of Florida	\$350

2015 Office of Research University of Florida **\$500**
 2014 Department of Wildlife Ecology and Conservation, University of Florida **\$250**
 2013 Office of the Dean, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, University of Florida **\$750**

for community outreach

2015 Outdoor Education Program, Reichert House, Gainesville Police Department, FL **\$1,200**

Recent Service

at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln

2018- Natural Resources Diversity Initiative committee, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
 2017 Key player in achieving institutional membership to the Association for Women in Science
 2016- Student Representative, Faculty Advisory Committee, School of Natural Resources
 2016- Student Representative, Digital Team, School of Natural Resources
 2016 Organizer, Association for Women in Science Mentor Workshop
 2016 Seminar Coordinator, School of Natural Resources
 2015-16 Founder & President, Natural Resources Diversity Initiative student group
 2015-16 Department Representative Representative, Graduate Student Association
 2015 Founder, Affiliate Chapter of the Association for Women in Science

to the profession

2016 Contributor to founding documents, Committee for Inclusive Ecology Section, ESA
 2016- Reviewer, Wilson Journal of Ornithology
 2015-16 Liaison, Urban Ecosystem Ecology Section, ESA

Grants & Fellowships Submitted (since 2016)

1. Principal investigator and author. USGS Powell Center Synthesis Working Group , “Scale mismatches in ecological research and management: consequences and solutions through data management.” Co-PIs: Hao Ye, Craig R. Allen, George Sugihara. Not funded.
2. Young Scientists Summer Program, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis. Funded.
3. Mozilla Science Fellowship. 2016. Not funded.

Teaching Experience

Co-instructor 2017

Introduction to Applied Ecological Statistics, Kearney, NE

- Week-long workshop for employees of the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission employees

Instructor 2017

Introduction to Program R

- Designed and taught a series of half-day workshops for graduate students
- Basics of data management and analysis using Program R

Guest Lecturer 2016

Module: using citizen science data to understand ecological invasions; Course: Avian Invasions

- Designed and taught series of lectures on citizen science data

Teaching Assistant 2015

Wildlife Population Ecology, Department of Wildlife Ecology & Conservation, University of Florida

- Lead quantitative laboratory sessions, grading

Teaching Assistant 2015

Ecological Statistics (online-only course), Department of Wildlife Ecology & Conservation, University of Florida

- Lead and moderate discussions, grading

Guest Lecturer 2013

Wetland birds module, Florida Master Naturalist

- Designed and taught lecture on wetland bird identification and ecology

Agency Reports

1. **Burnett, J.L.**, Roberts, C.P., Allen, C.R., Angeler, D.G., Twidwell, D. 2017. White Paper: Regime Shift Detection Using Fisher Information. Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program (SERDP), Department of Defense.
2. Allen, C.R., Angeler, D.G., Twidwell, D., **Burnett, J.L.**, Roberts, C.P. 2017. Interim Report (RC 25-10): Global Change, Vulnerability, and Resilience: Management Options for an Uncertain Future. Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program (SERDP), Department of Defense.
3. Twidwell D., Bielski, C.H., **Burnett, J.L.**, Donovan, V.M., Wonkka, C.L. 2017. Review of LANDFIRE Biophysical Settings Models (BpS) in the Great Plains. LANDFIRE Project.

Presentations

1. **Burnett, J.L.**, N.B. Price, A.J. Tyre, T.J. Hefley, C.R. Allen, T. A. Eason, D.G. Angeler, and D. Twidwell. System trajectory and Fisher information as early-warning indicators of ecological regime shifts. *Resilience 2017: Resilience Frontiers for Global Sustainability*, Poster presentation. Stockholm, Sweden, 2017
2. **Burnett, J.L.**, N.B. Price, A.J. Tyre, T.J. Hefley, C.R. Allen, T. A. Eason, D.G. Angeler, and D. Twidwell. System trajectory and Fisher information as early-warning indicators of ecological regime shifts. *Ecological Society of America*, Poster presentation. Portland, OR, 2017
3. **Burnett, J.L.**, Roberts, C.P., Allen, C.R., Angeler, D.G., Twidwell, D., and Tyre, A.J. Ecological Regime Shifts in the Central Great Plains. *Great Plains Symposium*, Oral presentation. Nebraska Innovation Campus, Lincoln, NE, 2017.
4. **Burnett, J.L.**, Roberts, C.P., Allen, C.R., Angeler, D.G., Twidwell, D., and Tyre, A.J. Using Big Data to Detect Regime Shifts in Space and Time. *North American Ornithological Conference VI*, Poster presentation. Smithsonian Migratory Bird Institute, Washington, D.C., 2016
5. **Burnett, J.L.**, Moulton, M. P., Sieving, K.E., Avery, M., and Robinson, S.K. Are House Sparrow declines a byproduct of urban greening? Southeastern Ecology and Evolution Conference, Oral presentation. University of Georgia, Athens, GA, 2015
6. **Burnett, J.L.**, Moulton, M. P., Sieving, K.E., Avery, M.L., and Robinson, S.K. Are House Sparrow declines a byproduct of urban greening? *American Ornithologists' Union and Cooper Ornithological Society Annual Meeting*, Poster presentation. Norman, OK, 2015.

7. **Burnett, J.L.**, Moulton, M.P., and Sieving, K.E. House sparrow: the decline of a once ubiquitous, invasive species. *Florida Chapter of The Wildlife Society Annual Conference*, Poster presentation. Safety Harbor, FL, 2014.
8. **Burnett, J.L.** and Sieving, K.E. Detecting birds of prey using tufted titmouse distress calls. *USGS Florida Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit Committee Meeting*, Poster presentation. Gainesville, FL, 2013.
9. **Burnett, J.L.** and Sieving, K.E. Do actual and perceived risks of small forest birds align? *Florida Ornithological Society Conference, Oral presentation*, St. Petersburg, FL, 2013.
10. **Burnett, J.L.** and Sieving, K.E. Perceived predation risks of small forest birds. *Association of Field Ornithologists Annual Conference*, Poster presentation. Venus, FL, 2013.

Invited Talks

1. Invited talk. Decline of the Once-Ubiquitous House Sparrow in North America. *Nebraska Invasive Species Council*, Lincoln, N.E., 2015.
2. Guest lecture. *Using Citizen Science Data in Avian Invasion Ecology*, in undergraduate course, *Ecology of Avian Invasions*, 2013. Interactive discussion and lecture on finding and utilizing open-sourced data online to understand the dynamics and ecology of avian invasions.

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2013	Office of the Dean, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, University of Florida	\$750

for membership

2013	American Ornithologists' Union Undergraduate Student Membership Award
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2016-18	University of Nebraska Center for Great Plains Studies Graduate Fellow	
2016-	AAAS/Science Program for Excellence in Science Award	

2016	2nd place, School of Natural Resources Elevator Speech Competition	\$300
2015-	Resilience Alliance Young Scholar	
2015-18	Othmer Fellowship, University of Nebraska-Lincoln	\$24,000

Outreach

Blog Posts (links active)

for envirobites

- Connecting to nature and understanding ecosystem services: the urban perspective

for the Resilience Alliance

- Big data, big problems
- Panarchy in the Anthropocene
- Regime shifts, traps and how to deal with them
- Connecting to nature and understanding ecosystem services: the urban perspective
- Leadership resilience and your workplace

Radio/podcasts

- Interviewee, House Sparrow declines, Urban Wildlife Podcast

Relevant Skills

Quantitative ecological methods

- Time series analysis
- Information theory
- Structural equation modeling
- Occupancy analyses
- Model based inference

Statistical program proficiencies

- Program R (advanced)
- SAS (novice)
- MatLab (novice)

Other

- Local and remote research and writing collaborations
- Field and laboratory experimental design
- Data management

Service

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2018	Student representative, Natural Resources Diversity Initiative committee, School of Natural Resources, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
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2016-	Student Representative, Faculty Advisory Committee, School of Natural Resources
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2016	Organizer, Association for Women in Science Mentor Workshop
2016	Seminar Coordinator, School of Natural Resources
2015-16	Founder & President, Natural Resources Diversity Initiative student group
2015-16	Department Representative Representative, Graduate Student Association
2015	Founder, Affiliate Chapter of the Association for Women in Science

to the profession

2015-16	Student liaison, Urban Ecosystem Ecology Section, Ecological Society of America
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Peer-reviews conducted

Ecological Modelling (2) Wilson Journal of Ornithology (3)