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Education

PhD UNIVERSITY OF EAST ANGLIA	Norwich 2009 - 2013
• Thesis: Male Reproductive Success and Population Control in the Mediterranean Fruit Fly.	
BSc (Hons) / Zoology DURHAM UNIVERSITY	Durham 2004 - 2008

Qualifications

HEA Fellow HIGHER EDUCATION ACADEMY	York 2016
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Grants

BBSRC GIFTS THAT KEEP ON GIVING: MATERNAL EFFECTS AND INSECT PEST CONTROL	University of East Anglia 2020
• PhD studentship • Co-supervisor • Funding amount 100,000 GBP	
BBSRC CRISPR CAS9 BASED SEX-CONVERSION GENE DRIVES FOR PEST INSECT MANAGEMENT	University of East Anglia 2019
• PhD studentship • Co-supervisor • Funding amount 100,000 GBP	
Entomological Society of America ENTOMOLOGY PROGRAM ENHANCEMENT	Pirbright Institute 2018
• Travel • Funding amount 1000 GBP	
Infravec INTRODUCTION TO BIOINFORMATICS RESOURCES FOR VECTOR GENOMICS STUDIES	Pirbright Institute 2018
• Training • Funding amount 460 GBP	
BBSRC COLONIZATION, DOMESTICATION AND POPULATION CONTROL IN PEST INSECTS	University of East Anglia 2012
• Research grant • Researcher Co-I • Funding amount 376,000 GBP	

Teaching

Data Science for Biologists MODULE ORGANISER	University of East Anglia 2020-present
Genetics MODULE ORGANISER	University of East Anglia 2019-present
Genes, Genomes and Genomics LECTURER	University of East Anglia 2019-present
Skills for Biologists TUTOR	University of East Anglia 2019-present

Medical Entomology

GUEST SPEAKER

LSHTM

2017-2018

Science Communication

LECTURER

University of East Anglia

2015-present

Microbiology

LECTURER

University of East Anglia

2015-present

Field Ecology

FIELDWORK CO-ORDINATOR

University of East Anglia

2015-present

Biodiversity

MODULE ORGANISER

University of East Anglia

2015-2016

Evolution, Behaviour and Ecology

MODULE ORGANISER

University of East Anglia

2015-2016

Evolution, Health and Disease

TUTOR

University of East Anglia

2013-2019

Presentations

CONFERENCES

SEMINARS

OUTREACH

SELECTED MEDIA COVERAGE

Administrative Duties

Chair of Extenuating Circumstances Panel

SCHOOL OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

University of East Anglia

2021-present

Student Partnership Officer

SCHOOL OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

University of East Anglia

2019-present

Consultancy

Professional Service

Publications

h-index: 9, Number of Publications: 19, Citations: 308

REFEREED JOURNAL PAPERS

Leftwich, P., Spurgin, L., Harvey-Samuel, T., Thomas, C., Paladino, L., Edgington, M., & Alphey, L. (2021). Genetic pest management and the background genetics of release strains. *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B*, 376(1818).

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Tng, P., Paladino, L., Verkuijl, S., Purcell, J., Merits, A., **Leftwich, P.**, Fragkoudis, R., Noad, R., & Alphey, L. (2020). Cas13b-dependent and Cas13b-independent RNA knockdown of viral sequences in mosquito cells following guide RNA expression. *Communications Biology*, 3(1), 1–9.

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Leftwich, P., Clarke, N., Hutchings, M., & Chapman, T. (2018). Reply to obadia et al.: Effect of methyl paraben on host–microbiota interactions in drosophila melanogaster. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 201805499.

Leftwich, P., Edgington, M., Harvey-Samuel, T., Paladino, L., Norman, V., & Alphey, L. (2018). Recent advances in threshold-dependent gene drives for mosquitoes. *Biochemical Society Transactions*, 46(5), 1203–1212.

Leftwich, P., Hutchings, M., & Chapman, T. (2018). Diet, gut microbes and host mate choice: Understanding the significance of microbiome effects on host mate choice requires a case by case evaluation. *Bioessays*, 40(12).

Leftwich, P.T., Clarke, N.V. E., Hutchings, M.I., & Chapman, T. (2018). Reply to rosenberg et al.: Diet, gut bacteria, and assortative mating in drosophila melanogaster. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, <https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.1805499115>.

Leftwich, P., Nash, W., Friend, L., & Chapman, T. (2017). Adaptation to divergent larval diets in the medfly, ceratitis capitata. *Evolution*, 71(2), 289–303.

Longdon, B., Day, J., Schulz, N., **Leftwich, P.**, Jong, M., Breuker, C., Gibbs, M., Obbard, D., Wilfert, L., Smith, S., McGonigle, J., Houslay, T., Wright, L., Livraghi, L., Evans, L., Friend, L., Chapman, T., Vontas, J., Kambouraki, N., & Jiggins, F. (2017). Vertically transmitted rhabdoviruses are found across three insect families and have dynamic interactions with their hosts. *Proceedings of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences*, 284(1847).

Leftwich, P., Bolton, M., & Chapman, T. (2016). Evolutionary biology and genetic techniques for insect control. *Evolutionary Applications*, 9(1), 212–230.

Leftwich, P., Koukidou, M., Rempoulakis, P., Gong, H.-F., Zacharopoulou, A., Fu, G., Chapman, T., Economopoulos, A., Vontas, J., & Alphey, L. (2014). Genetic elimination of field-cage populations of mediterranean fruit flies. *Proceedings of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences*, 281(1792).

Alphey, L., Ant, T., Koukidou, M., **Leftwich**, P., Rempoulakis, P., Vontas, J., Economopoulos, A., & Chapman, T. (2012). Genetic improvements to sterile-male control of tephritid fruit flies. *Tephritid Workers of Europe and Middle East (TEAM)*, <https://Nucleus.iaea.org> ..., 201, 2.

Leftwich, P., Edward, D., Alphey, L., Gage, M., & Chapman, T. (2012). Variation in adult sex ratio alters the association between courtship, mating frequency and paternity in the lek-forming fruitfly *ceratitis capitata*. *Journal of Evolutionary Biology*, 25(9), 1732–1740.

WORKING PAPERS UNDER REVISION OR REVIEW

Harvey-Samuel, T., Xu, X., Lovett, E., Dafa'alla, T., Walker, A., Norman, V., Carter, R., Teal, J., Akilan, L., **Leftwich**, P., & Alphey, L. (2020). Engineered expression of the invertebrate-specific scorpion toxin AaHIT reduces adult longevity and female fecundity in the diamondback moth *plutella xylostella*. *bioRxiv*.

BOOKS

Penny, J., & **Leftwich**, P. (2018). *Maths skills for a-level biology* [Technical report]. OUP (Oxford).