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**I am an evolutionary biologist using computational genomics to study the genetic basis of traits and evolutionary processes, including adaptation and speciation.**

**EMPLOYMENT:**

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| **04/2023-present** | **Postdoctoral Researcher**  Joanna Kelley Lab – University of California Santa Cruz, USA  Project: Convergent adaptation to extreme environments in Poeciliid fishes |
| **02/2021**-**03/2023** | **SNSF Early Postdoc Mobility Fellow – Independent Postdoctoral Researcher**  Simon Martin Lab – University of Edinburgh, UK  Project: The evolution and maintenance of wing-pattern supergenes in *Danaus* butterflies |

**EDUCATION:**

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| **10/2016-12/2020** | **PhD** – Pass with honours - *insigni cum laude*  University of Bern, Switzerland  Title: The genetic basis of adaptation and speciation in the Swiss Alpine whitefish radiation  Project supervisors: Prof. Ole Seehausen & Dr. Philine G. D. Feulner |
| **10/2015**-**10/2016** | **MRes Tropical Forest Ecology** – Pass with Distinction  Imperial College London, UK  Thesis: Endophytic fungal, not bacterial, communities differ between sympatric palm species  Project supervisor: Prof. Vincent Savolainen |
| **10/2012**-**10/2015** | **BSc Biology** –1st Class Honours  Imperial College London, UK  Thesis: Resolving the phylogeny of the sharks using 20 transcriptomes  Project supervisor: Prof. Vincent Savolainen |

**PUBLICATIONS:**

I have **11 publications (7 as first author)** in internationally recognised peer reviewed journals with a total of **247 citations and an h-index of 9**. Additionally, I have 2 papers in review and 4 in prep. \* = joint first authorship

11. **Rishi De-Kayne**, Rowan Schley, Julia MI Barth, Luke C Campillo, Catalina Chaparro-Pedraza et al. Why do some lineages radiate while others do not? Perspectives for future research on adaptive radiations. Cold Spring Harbor Perspectives – Speciation *in press*

10. J Cerca, DD Cotoras, VC Bieker, **R De-Kayne**, P Vargas, et al. (2023)Evolutionary genomics of oceanic island radiations. Trends in Ecology & Evolution https://doi.org/10.1016/j.tree.2023.02.003

9. **R De-Kayne**, OM Selz, D Marques, D Frei, O Seehausen, PGD Feulner (2022) Genomic architecture of adaptive radiation and hybridization in Alpine whitefish. Nature Communications 13:4479

8. K-W Kim\*, **R De-Kayne**\*, IJ Gordon, KS Omufwoko, DJ Martins, SH Martin (2022) Stepwise evolution of a butterfly supergene via duplication and inversion. Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B 377:20210207

7. D Frei, **R De-Kayne**, OM Selz, O Seehausen, PGD Feulner (2022) Genomic variation from an extinct species is retained in the extant radiation following speciation reversal. Nature Ecology and Evolution 6:461-468

6. KS Singh\*, **R De-Kayne**\*, KS Omufwoko, R ffrench-Constant, C Bass, D Martins, SH Martin (2022) Genome assembly of *Danaus chrysippus* and comparison with the Monarch. *Danaus plexippus.* G3: Genes, Genomes, Genetics 12:jkab449

5. **R De-Kayne**\*, D Frei\*, R Greenway, SL Mendes, C Retel, PGD Feulner (2021) The future of next generation sequencing datasets: technological shifts provide opportunities but pose challenges for reproducibility and reusability. Molecular Ecology Resources 21:653–660

4. **R De-Kayne**, S Zoller, PGD Feulner (2020) A de novo chromosome‐level genome assembly of *Coregonus sp.* “Balchen”: one representative of the Swiss Alpine whitefish radiation. Molecular Ecology Resources 20:1093–1109

3. **R De-Kayne**, PGD Feulner (2018) A European whitefish linkage map and its implications for understanding genome-wide synteny between salmonids following whole genome duplication. G3: Genes, Genomes, Genetics 8:3745-3755

2. OG Osborne\*, **R De-Kayne**\*, MI Bidartondo, I Hutton, WJ Baker, CGN Turnbull, V Savolainen (2017) Arbuscular Mycorrhizal fungi promote coexistence and niche divergence of sympatric palm species on a remote oceanic island. New Phytologist 217:1254-1266

1. PGD Feulner, **R De-Kayne** (2017) Genome evolution, structural rearrangements and speciation. Journal of Evolutionary Biology 30:1488-1490

**IN REVIEW**

R Greenway, **R De-Kayne**, A Brown, H Camarillo, C Delich et al. Signatures of convergent adaptation across scales in sympatric extremophile fishes. Molecular Biology and Evolution

**R De-Kayne**, B Perry, K McGowan, J Landers, L Arias-Rodriguez, et al. Evolutionary rate shifts in coding and regulatory regions underpin repeated adaptation to sulfidic streams in poeciliid fishes. Genome Biology and Evolution

**GRANTS, PRIZES, and AWARDS:**

* PacBio SMRT Sequencing grant 2023 – **runner up (Co-I) - funded**
* SMBE Young Investigator Travel Award 2023 **– $3,500**
* SNSF Postdoc Mobility fellowship (18 months) 2023 **–** **CHF 78,000/$78,170**
* SNSF Early Postdoc Mobility fellowship (18 months) 2020 **–** **CHF 73,150/$73,310**
* Best student talk at PopGroup53 2020 – **1st Place - £250/$280**
* Best conference poster at Biology20 2020 – **2nd Place - CHF 150/$150**

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

**UC Santa Cruz - Undergraduate Genomics Training**

**05/2023**

This course offered an extra-curricular comprehensive introduction to bioinformatics for BSc students, covering a typical bioinformatics project workflow from start to end. I taught general bash scripting, read trimming, and read mapping.

**OH-KNOW Bioinformatics Workshop**

**09/2021**

I co-organised this four-day online workshop aimed at teaching the latest k-mer based tools for bioinformatics using high-performance computing platforms. The course was attended by 61 participants spanning 10 different time zones. I organised the logistics of the workshop, designed, wrote, and taught a comprehensive bash scripting course, and assisted with all subsequent teaching topics.

**University of Bern – Practical in Aquatic Ecology and Evolution**

**03-05/2018, 03-05/2019**, **and 04/2021**

In this course, students designed their own practical investigation to study the ecology and evolution of fish in Swiss lakes. I assisted throughout the practical, wrote and presented an ‘introduction to scientific writing’ guide for students, and graded the final reports. In 2021 I provided a guest lecture on scientific writing.

**University of Bern – Introduction to R for Beginners**

**09/2019**

In this five-day course, second- and third-year BSc students received an introduction to R. I was a teaching assistant for the course and graded final homework reports.

**STUDENT MENTORSHIP:**

**Co-supervision of Frances Swift – University of Edinburgh BSc Evolutionary Genetics Student**

**12/2022-05/2023**

In this project, Frances used published Lepidoptera reference genome assemblies to investigate both SNP and structural variant diversity across this clade. I co-supervised all stages of the project from project planning through to the analysis and write up.

**Co-supervision of Sam Mitchell – University of Edinburgh MSc Evolutionary Genetics Student**

**05-08/2022**

This project focussed on understanding the consequences of a population bottleneck using whole-genome sequences collected for African monarch butterflies on the remote island of St. Helena. I co-supervised and mentored Sam throughout all stages of the project.

**Co-supervision of Michelé Leemann – University of Bern MSc Bioinformatics Student**

**07-09/2021**

This project aimed to use existing sequencing data for Alpine whitefish to assemble and annotate the Alpine whitefish mitochondrial genome. My co-supervision involved setting up Michelé on the computer cluster and discussing each of the analytical approaches.

**Co-supervision of Romano Josi – University of Bern BSc Summer Research Student**

**06-07/2017**

This research project used diagnostic microsatellites to determine the pedigree of lab-reared whitefish larvae and test for the presence of gynogenetic haploid individuals. My co-supervision involved training Romano in molecular lab techniques.

**OUTREACH, SCIENCE COMMUNICATION, and ADVOCACY:**

* Interviewed 100 PhD students from around the world between 2018 and 2020 as part of my blog PhDetails: [phdetails.blogspot.com](http://phdetails.blogspot.com/) to promote diverse students in biology.
* Written technical articles about bioinformatics approaches both on PhDetails and The Molecular Ecologist Blog: [molecularecologist.com](https://www.molecularecologist.com/).
* Written articles on navigating academia aimed at disseminating information to students and postdocs without formal mentorship, something I consider a substantial source of inequity in academia.
* PhD and Postdoc representative (Unteren Mittelbau) on the hiring committee for a new Professor for Theoretical Ecology and Evolution at the University of Bern 2019.
* Postdoc representative and member of the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, & Action (IDEA) committee at UC Santa Cruz.

**ACADEMIC SERVICE:**

* Scientific manuscript reviewing for: Nature Ecology and Evolution, Molecular Biology and Evolution, Genome Biology and Evolution, G3, Molecular Ecology, Molecular Ecology Resources, Journal of Evolutionary Biology, and Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B.
* Scientific grant reviewing for: Great Lakes Fisheries Commission.

**INVITED SEMINARS:**

8. The genomic basis of adaptation and speciation in the Alpine whitefish radiation. *Betancur FishLab Group Seminar*, University of Oklahoma, USA 09/2022

7. Adaptation across scales – from supergenes to adaptive radiations. *MVZ Seminar*, UC Berkeley, USA 05/2022

6. Adaptation across scales – from supergenes to adaptive radiations. CPB Seminar, UC Davis, USA 03/2022

5. The genomic basis of adaptation and speciation in the Alpine whitefish radiation. *Next Generation Genomics MSc Course*, University of Edinburgh, UK 02/2022 (**Guest Lecture)**

4. The evolution of complex wing-pattern supergenes in Danaus butterflies. *Lepinar Seminar Series*, Online 02/22

3. The genomic basis of adaptation and speciation in the Alpine whitefish radiation. *COMgen Seminar Series*, University of Nottingham 02/2021

2. Genomic insights into the evolution of the Alpine whitefish radiation. *CIGENE Seminar Series*, Norwegian University of Life Sciences 02/2021

1. From palms to whitefish – understanding the genetic basis of adaptation and speciation. *Eawag Aquatic Ecology & Macroevolution Seminar Series 2020*, Kastanienbaum, Switzerland 04/2020

**CONTRIBUTED SEMINARS and POSTERS (as presenting author):**

19. Evolutionary dynamics of a modular supergene in the African monarch butterfly (*Danaus chrysippus*). SMBE 2023, Italy, 07/2023 **- Oral Presentation**

18. Stepwise supergene evolution in a butterfly: multiple duplications preceded multiple inversions. *Bay Area Population Genomics meeting XIX*, Stanford University, USA 04/2022 - **Oral Presentation**

17. Stepwise evolution of a butterfly supergene via duplication and inversion. *55nd Population Genetics Group Meeting (PopGroup55)*, Norwich, UK (online) 01/2022- **Oral presentation**

16. A mixed genetic architecture and gene flow facilitate adaptive radiation. *Understanding ‘reproductive isolation’? ESEB satellite symposium*, Online 09/2021 - **Oral presentation**

15. Dissecting the evolutionary mechanisms driving Alpine whitefish diversification, *54nd Population Genetics Group Meeting (PopGroup54)*, Liverpool, UK (online) 01/2021 - **Oral presentation**

14. Towards understanding adaptation and speciation in the Swiss Alpine whitefish radiation. *Biology20 Conference,* Freiburg, Switzerland 02/2020 – **Poster presentation**

13. Towards understanding adaptation and speciation in the Swiss Alpine whitefish radiation. *53rd Population Genetics Group Meeting (PopGroup53)*. Leicester, UK 01/2020 - **Oral presentation**

12. A de novo chromosome-level genome assembly of *Coregonus steinmanni* – towards understanding adaptation and speciation in the Swiss Alpine whitefish radiation. *4th International Conference on Integrative Salmonid Biology (ICISB2019).* Edinburgh, UK 11/2019 - **Oral presentation**

11. Genomics of adaptation in the Alpine whitefish radiation - genomic resources to study adaptation and speciation. *2019 Congress of the European Society for Evolutionary Biology (ESEB2019).* Turku, Finland 08/2019 - **Poster presentation**

10. Assembling the genome of *Coregonus steinmanni* – unlocking the secrets of the Swiss Alpine whitefish radiation. *EAWAG Fish Ecology and Evolution Symposium 2019*. Kastanienbaum, Switzerland 07/2019 - **Oral presentation**

9. Towards the understanding of adaptation and speciation in the Swiss Alpine whitefish radiation. *Biology19 Conference*. Zurich, Switzerland 02/2019 - **Oral presentation**

8. Towards the understanding of adaptation and speciation in the Swiss Alpine whitefish radiation. *52nd Population Genetics Group Meeting (PopGroup52).* Oxford, UK 01/2019 - **Oral presentation**

7. The Swiss Alpine whitefish radiation – first steps in understanding the genomic basis of adaptation and speciation. *Programming for Evolutionary Biology (PEB) Conference 2018*. Buttermere, UK 09/2018 - **Oral presentation**

6. The Swiss Alpine whitefish radiation – genomic resources to study adaptation and speciation. *2018 Congress of the European Society for Evolutionary Biology (ESEB2018).* Montpellier, France 08/2018 - **Poster presentation**

5. Producing genomic resources for pre-Alpine whitefish and what they can tell us about genome evolution. *EAWAG Fish Ecology and Evolution Symposium 2018.* Kastanienbaum, Switzerland 06/2018 - **Oral presentation**

4. Constructing a linkage map for Swiss Alpine whitefish. *Biology18 Conference*. Neuchatel, Switzerland 02/2018 - **Poster presentation**

3. Constructing a linkage map for Swiss Alpine whitefish. *51st Population Genetics Group Meeting (PopGroup51).* Bristol, UK 01/2018 - **Poster presentation**

2. Investigating the genomic basis of adaptation and speciation in the Alpine whitefish radiation. *EAWAG Fish Ecology and Evolution symposium 2017.* Kastanienbaum, Switzerland 06/2017 - **Oral presentation**

1. The genomic basis of adaptation and speciation in the Swiss Alpine whitefish radiation. *Biology17 Conference.* Bern, Switzerland 01/2017 **Poster presentation**