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Appointments

Chair — *University of Chicago*
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External faculty — *Northwestern University*
Northwestern Institute on Complex Systems — *2016–*

Professor — *University of Chicago*
Ecology & Evolution — *2014–*

Senior Fellow — *University of Chicago*
Computation Institute — *2014–2018*

Assistant Professor — *University of Chicago*
Ecology & Evolution and Computation Institute — *2009–2014*

Postdoctoral Associate — *U. California, Santa Barbara*
NCEAS — *2007–2009*

Postdoctoral Fellow — *University of Michigan*
Mercedes Pascual Lab — *2005–2007*

Postdoctoral Fellow — *Michigan State U. and NOAA GLERL*
Scott Peacor Lab — *2004–2005*

Education

Ph.D. — *Università degli Studi di Parma, Italy*
Ecology — *2002-2005*
- Advisor: Antonio Bodini

Laurea — *Università degli Studi di Parma, Italy*
Environmental Sciences — *1995-2001*
- Advisors: Alessandro Zaccagnini and Antonio Bodini

Published articles

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21. Serván, C.A., Capitán, J. A., Grilli, J., Morrison, K. E., & Allesina, S. (2018). Coexistence of many species in random ecosystems. Nature Ecology & Evolution, 2(8), 1237.

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2. Allesina, S. (2024). Global stability of ecological and evolutionary dynamics via equivalence. In Review.
3. Allesina, S., Miller, Z.R., & Serván, C.A. (2021). Intraspecific variation stabilizes classic predator-prey dynamics. bioRxiv.
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Books, book reviews & chapters

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Service and leadership

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- Chair, Ecology & Evolution, 2021-
- Director of Graduate Studies, Ecology & Evoltuion, 2014-2021
- Committee on Promotion and Tenure, 2015-2020
- Committee on Assistant Professors, 2014-2015

Editor

- PLoS Computational Biology, Guest Editor (2012-2015), Associate Editor (2015-2017), Deputy Editor (2017-2021)
- Guest Editor for PNAS (2018), eLife (2015)
- Scientific Reports, Editor (2015-2017)
- Journal of Complex Networks, Associate Editor (2012-2017)
- Faculty of 1000, Population Ecology, 2011-2016
- Oikos, Subject Editor, 2009-2017

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American Naturalist; Basic and Applied Ecology; Behavioral Ecology; Biological Reviews; Biology Letters; BioScience; Branco Weiss Fellowship; Briefings in Bioinformatics; Chaos; Ecography; Ecological Complexity; Ecological Engineering; Ecological Indicators; Ecological Modelling; Ecological Monographs; Ecology; Ecology Letters; Environmental Modelling & Assessment; Environmental Modelling & Software; Estuarine, Coastal and Shelf Science; European Physical Journal B; European Research Council; Fisheries Research; Global Ecology and Biogeography; Journal of Animal Ecology; Journal of Mathematical Biology; Journal of Robust and Nonlinear Control; Journal of the Association for Information Science and Technology; Journal of Theoretical Biology; Journal of the Royal Society Interface; Marine Ecology Progress Series; Marsden Fund – Royal Society of New Zealand; Methods in Ecology & Evolution; Microsoft Research; National Science Foundation; Nature; Nature Communications; Nature Ecology & Evolution; Nature Methods; Nature Physics; NERC; Oikos; Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society Series B; Physical Reviews E; Physical Reviews X; Physics Letters A; PLoS Biology; PLoS Computational Biology; PLoS One; Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences USA; Proceedings of the Royal Society Series B; Revue canadienne des sciences de l'information et de bibliotheconomie; Science; Science Advances; Scientometrics; Sinauer Publishing; The Social Science Journal; The Lancet Global Health; Theoretical Ecology; Theoretical Population Biology; The Quarterly Review of Biology; Romanian National Council for Scientific Research; Scientific Reports; Trends in Ecology & Evolution; Trends in Parasitology; U. California Press; U. Chicago Press; U. Nebraska Omaha Internal Funding.

Panelist

National Science Foundation (EF 2010, GRFP 2016)

Organizer

- BSD Boot Camp on Quantitative Biology (S. Allesina, S. Palmer and V. Prince) 2015-2019
- A primer in ecological networks: theory & data (A. Bodini, G. DeLeo, S. Allesina & C. Bondavalli) 2008

Teaching

Graduate *2009–2011; 2023*
Theoretical Ecology *Allesina & Dwyer*

Graduate *2021–2022*
Theoretical Community Ecology *Allesina*

Undergraduate *2018–*
Fundamentals of Biological Data Analysis *Allesina & Kondrashov*

Graduate *2012–2020*
Computing Skills for Biologists *Allesina*

Undergraduate *2016–2018*
How can we understand the biosphere? *Allesina & Kronforst*

Undergraduate *2009–2015*

Evolution & Ecology *Allesina & Coyne*

School *2021*

ICTP Winter School on Quantitative Systems Biology: Quantitative Approaches in Ecosystem Ecology, Remote *Allesina, lecturer*

School *2020*

ICTP SAIFR School on Community Ecology, São Paulo, Brazil *Allesina, lecturer*

School *2019*

Mini course on Computing Skills for Biologists, Evóra, Portugal *Allesina*

Graduate *2015*

Mini course BIOS 248 Scientific Computing for Ecologists, Stanford Universtity Hopkins Marine Station *Allesina*

School *2014*

ICTP Spring College on the Physics of Complex Systems, Trieste, Italy *Allesina, lecturer*

School *2011*

São Paulo School on Ecological Networks, São Paulo, Brazil *Allesina, lecturer*

School *2011*

Biological Networks, University of Fribourg, Switzerland *Allesina, lecturer*

School *2009*

ICTP Theoretical Ecology and Global Change, Trieste, Italy *Allesina, lecturer*

School *2005–2006*

Ecosystem Networks Modeling, University of Copenhagen, Denmark *Allesina, lecturer*

Speaking

Cargèse, France.

Complex and Glassy Systems *Jul 12, 2024*

University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada.

Biodiversity Research Seminar Series *Apr 3, 2024*

Minneapolis, MN.

American Physical Society March Meeting 2024 *Mar 4, 2024*

Princeton University, Princeton, NJ.

Ecology & Evolutionary Biology *Apr 6, 2023*

Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI.

Ecology, Evolution and Behavior + Kellog Biological Station *Oct 27-28, 2022*

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL.

Multiscale Microbial Communities workshop *Feb 22, 2022*

Washington University St. Louis, Remote.

Department of Physics *Nov 29, 2021*

University of Chicago + CNRS, Remote.

Cross-cutting theories in biology *May 29, 2021*

British Ecological Society, Remote.

Ecology Live *Feb 18, 2021*

Pennsylvania State University, Remote.

Biomathematics Seminar *Feb 9, 2021*

Iowa State University, Remote.

Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology *Feb 4, 2021*

Eawag Dubendorf, Switzerland, Remote.

Eco Seminars *Dec 19, 2020*

Remote.

International Initiative for Theoretical Ecology Seminars *Nov 24, 2020*

Princeton University, Remote.
Biophysics Seminars — *Oct 19, 2020*

Università di Parma, Italy
Department of Chemistry, Life Sciences and Environmental Sustainability — *June 28, 2019*

Università di Padova, Padua, Italy.
Department of Physics — *June 27, 2019*

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA.
Biophysics Seminar — *May 22, 2019*

Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA.
Graduate Science Education Seminar — *May 21, 2019*

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL.
Center for Data and Computing — *May 17, 2019*

University of Florida, Gainesville, FA.
Department of Epidemiology — *May 2, 2019*

Yale University, New Haven, CT.
Department of Ecology & Evolutionary Biology — *Apr 3, 2019*

Naples, Italy.
Stazione Zoologica Anton Dohrn — *Oct 7, 2018*

Paris, France.
NetSci 2018 (Satellite) — *June 12, 2018*

Chicago, IL.
Istituto Italiano di Cultura — *Feb 23, 2018*

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL.
EvMorph Seminar — *Jan 25, 2018*

Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA.
Department of Biology — *Nov 16, 2017*

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA.
Biophysics Seminar — *Oct 26, 2017*

Workshop on Network Science, Pittsburgh, PA. Plenary Speaker.
Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics — *Jul 13, 2017*

Bloomington, IN. Keynote Speaker
American Mathematical Society, Spring Central Sectional Meeting — *Apr 1, 2017*

Liverpool UK. Keynote Speaker.
British Ecological Society Annual Meeting — *Dec 14, 2016*

Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI.
Science at the Edge — *Oct 27, 2016*

University of Chicago, Chicago IL.
Computation in Science — *Oct 12, 2016*

Columbus, OH.
Mathematical Biosciences Institute — *Apr 14, 2016*

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL.
Statistics Colloquium — *Feb 29, 2016*

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL.
Wildlife Ecology and Conservation Seminars — *Feb 1, 2016*

Santa Fe, NM.
Santa Fe Institute — *Dec 11, 2015*

DePaul University, Chicago, IL.
Department of Mathematics — *Nov 13, 2015*

Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA.
Department of Biology — *Oct 8, 2015*

Venezia, Italy.

Living systems from interactions to critical behavior — *Sept 18-19, 2015*

Baltimore, MD. Contributed.

Ecological Society of America Annual Meeting — *Aug 14, 2015*

ETH Zürich, Zurich, Switzerland.

E3B seminar series — *Mar 12, 2015*

Linköping, Sweden. Keynote Speaker

6th Swedish Meeting in Mathematics in Biology — *Dec 5, 2014*

Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY.

Ginzburg Colloquim — *Nov 5, 2014*

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL.

Computational Social Science Workshop — *Oct 31, 2014*

U. Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL.

Natural Resources & Environmental Sciences — *Sept 19, 2014*

Google, Mountain View, CA.

Sci Foo — *Aug 10, 2014*

Center Interfacultaire Bernoulli, EPFL, Lausanne, Switzerland.

Bernoulli Lecture — *July 10, 2014*

Woods Hole, MA.

Marine Biological Lab — *May 5, 2014*

University of California Davis, Davis, CA.

Graduate group in ecology — *Dec 5, 2013*

Giessen, Germany. Keynote Speaker

Food Webs Science for Impact — *Nov 13, 2013*

Sakai, Japan. Keynote Speaker

Society of Population Ecology — *Oct 12, 2013*

University of Puerto Rico – Rio Piedras, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Department of Biology — *Apr 22, 2013*

Leipzig, Germany. Invited

iDiv — *Mar 14, 2013*

University of Oxford, Oxford, UK.

Martin School — *Nov 1, 2012*

University of Umeå, Umeå, Sweden.

Department of Biology — *Sept 24, 2012*

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.

Theory group — *Sept 14, 2012*

Evanston, IL. Invited

NetSci 2012 — *June 23, 2012*

University of Guelph, CA. Keynote speaker

BioM&S Symposium 2012 — *June 7, 2012*

University of Chicago, Chicago IL.

Department of Ecology & Evolution — *May 14, 2012*

University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, the Netherlands. Keynote speaker

Institute for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Dynamics — *Apr 26, 2012*

University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada. Keynote speaker

EEB Retreat — *Apr 13, 2012*

Case Western Reserve, Cleveland, OH.

Biology — *Apr 6, 2012*

Chicago, IL. Invited

Chicago Humanities Festival — *Oct 23, 2011*

University of Sao Paulo, Sao Paulo, Brazil. Invited

Biology — *Sept 15, 2011*

University of Campinas, Brazil, Campinas, Brazil.

Biology — *Sept 14, 2011*

Iowa State University, Ames, IA.

Ecology and Evolutionary Biology — *Sept 1 and 2, 2011*

Austin, TX. Contributed.

Ecological Society of America Annual Meeting — *Aug 8, 2011*

La Crosse, WI. Invited

International Environmetrics Society – Regional Meeting — *July 18, 2011*

Riva del Garda, Italy. Contributed.

European Conference on Ecological Modeling — *June 2, 2011*

Leeds, UK. Invited

British Ecological Society Annual Meeting — *Sept 7, 2010*

Università di Parma, Parma, Italy. Invited

Dipartimento di Scienze Ambientali — *Jul 7, 2010*

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL. Invited

1st Spark Reception Agent-based Modeling. — *Apr 29, 2010*

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. Invited

CSCS — *Apr 22, 2010*

University of California Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA.

Bren School — *Feb 16, 2010*

University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL.

Department of Biology — *Feb 2, 2010*

Northwestern University, Evanston, IL.

The Northwestern Institute on Complex Systems (NICO) — *Dec 9, 2009*

Santa Barbara, CA.

NCEAS Ecolunch — *Oct 9, 2009*

Milwaukee, WI. Contributed.

Ecological Society of America Annual Meeting — *Aug 4, 2008*

Santa Barbara, CA.

NCEAS Ecolunch — *May 5, 2008*

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL. Invited

Department of Ecology & Evolution — *April 16, 2008*

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. Invited

Early Career Scientists Symposium — *March 15, 2008*

San Jose, CA. Invited

Ecological Society of America Annual Meeting — *Aug 8, 2007*

San Jose, CA. Invited

Society for Mathematical Biology Annual Meeting — *Aug 3, 2007*

Università di Parma, Parma, Italy. Invited

Dipartimento di Scienze Ambientali — *Feb 20, 2007*

Copenhagen, Denmark. Invited

Niels Bohr Institute - Center for Models of Life — *Feb 15, 2007*

Memphis, TN. Contributed.

Ecological Society of America Annual Meeting — *Aug 9, 2006*

Copenhagen, Denmark. Invited

University of Copenhagen — *Jun 7, 2006*

Università di Parma, Parma, Italy. Invited

Dipartimento di Scienze Ambientali — *Jun 5, 2006*

Budapest, Hungary. Invited

Collegium Budapest, Institute for Advanced Study — *May 26, 2006*

University of Maryland, Solomons, MD. Invited

Chesapeake Biological Laboratory — *Nov 28, 2005*

Montreal, Canada. Contributed

Ecological Society of America Annual Meeting — *Aug 9, 2005*

Bled, Slovenia. Contributed

Fourth European Conference on Ecological Modelling — *Sept 29, 2004*

University of Guelph, Guelph, Canada. Contributed

Peter Yodzis Colloquium — *Apr 24, 2004*