# Thomas Guillerme

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# RESEARCH INTERESTS

I'm interested in evolutionary biology at a large scale: the stories behind the history of life and the methodologies with which it is investigated. By combining classical methods such as descriptive palaeontology with modern bioinformatics tools and mathematical modeling, I work on understanding how to use morphology in evolutionary biology: from phylogenetic theory to macroevolution and macroecology.

# ACADEMIC CAREER

2017 - Present: Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Vera Weisbecker's group

School of Biological Sciences

University of Queensland, St Lucia, Australia Research Associate in Martin Brazeau's group

2016 - 2017: Research Associate in Martin Brazeau's group Faculty of Natural Sciences, Department of Life Sciences

Silwood Park Campus, Imperial College London, UK

# **EDUCATION**

2012 - 2015: PhD in Zoology, Trinity College Dublin

Macroevolution with living and fossil species

Awarded as it stands.

http://dx.doi.org/10.6084/m9.figshare.1583337

2010 - 2012: MSc in Palaeontology (honours), Université de Montpellier

2<sup>nd</sup> year project: Molecular clocks and evolutionary rates among primates: a palaeontological and genomic approach. 1<sup>st</sup> year project: Southern France Upper Cretaceous Theropod

teeth variability.

2007 - 2010: BSc in Biology, Université de Montpellier

# **PUBLICATIONS**

Peer reviewed - Google Scholar profile: Thomas Guillerme

2017: Turvey SA, Crees JJ, Hansford J, Jeffree TE, Crumpton N, Kurniawan I, Setiyabudi E, **Guillerme T**, Paranggarimu U, Dosseto A, van den Bergh GD. Quaternary vertebrate faunas from Sumba, Indonesia: implications for Wallacean biogeography and evolution *Proceedings of the Royal Society B*, DOI: 10.1098/rspb.2017.1278

2016: Kane A, Healy K, **Guillerme T**, Ruxton G, and Jackson AL. A Recipe for Scavenging - the natural history of a behaviour. *Ecography*, 39:001011, DOI: 10.1111/ecog.02817

2016: **Guillerme T** and Cooper N. Assessment of available anatomical characters for linking living mammals to fossil taxa in phylogenetic analyses. *Biology Letters*, 12 20151003 DOI: 10.1098/rsbl.2015.1003

2016: **Guillerme T** and Cooper N. Effects of missing data on topological inference using a Total Evidence approach. *Molecular Phylogenetics and Evolution* 94:146158, DOI: 10.1016/j.ympev.2015.08.023

2014: Healy K, **Guillerme T**, Finlay S, Kane A, Kelly SBA, McClean D, Kelly DJ, Donohue I, Jackson AL and Cooper N. Ecology and mode-of-life explain lifespan variation in birds and mammals. *Proceedings of the Royal Society B*, 281(1784). DOI: 10.1098/rspb.2014.0298

In review/in press - see my publications page.

# AWARDS AND GRANTS

2017: Royal Society International Scientific Seminar Award (£5000)

co-awarded with Prof. Phillip Donoghue FRS and Dr Natalie Cooper

2017: Marie Skłodowska-Curie Action Seal of Excellence

2014: BES Photo Competition Student Prize (Ecology and Society)

2012: Trinity Postgraduate Research Studentship (€46800)

# COMPUTER SKILLS

Coding:  $R^*$ ,  $C^*$ , C++,  $Bash^*$ , HTML,  $L^*T_EX^*$ ,  $git^*$ 

Phylogenetics: PAUP, MrBayes\*, BEAST\*, RAxML, PhyloBayes, CoEvol

 $\label{eq:macse} MACSE, MAFFT, SEAview, Tracer, Mesquite, R{ape} \\ R{phytools}, R{diversitree}, R{MCMCglmm}, R{caper}, \dots$ 

Morphometrics: R{geomorph}, MorphoJ, TPS

Graphics: Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Photoshop, Gimp, Inkscape

### Developed software:

R{mulTree}: Performs MCMCglmm on multiple phylogenetic trees. Role: main author.

GitHub page: github.com/TGuillerme/mulTree

R{dispRity}: Measuring disparity in R. Role: main author.

GitHub page: github.com/TGuillerme/dispRity

R{SIDER}: Stable Isotope Discrimination Estimation in R. Role: co-author.

GitHub page: github.com/healyke/SIDER

Morphy: A C library for morphological characters phylogenetic analysis. *Role: co-author*.

GitHub page: www.morphyproject.org/

# **PRESENTATIONS**

#### **Invited seminars**

2017: ISEM seminar series - Université de Montpellier, France

Talk: Disparate views on mammalian disparity at the K-Pg.

2017: Silwood Social Seminars Series - Imperial College London, UK

Talk: Multidimensionality in morphology.

2016: Palaeobiology Discussion Group - University of Bristol, UK

Talk: Do we still need morphological characters data?

#### **International Conferences**

<sup>\*</sup> Skills taught at workshops or courses (see below)

2017: BES Macro SIG meeting 2017 - London, UK

conference co-organiser

2017: Evolution 2017 - Portland OR, USA

Talk: Blue tail, red tail: a solution to inapplicable data in phylogenetics

Available here: goo.gl/g68NTZ

2016: BES Macro SIG meeting 2016 - Oxford, UK

Talk: Moving away from the consensus in Phylogenetic Comparative Methods

Available here: goo.gl/1PsRfi

2016: Evolution 2016 - Austin TX, USA

Palaeobiology/macroevolution session chair

Talk: New approaches to disparity-through-time analysis

Available here: goo.gl/nnSpVS

2015: Systematics Association Biennial - Oxford, UK

Talk: Total evidence phylogenies, the data issue

Available here: goo.gl/MVwMTY

2014: SVP annual meeting - Berlin, Germany

Symposium presentation (invited talk): Putting fossils in trees

Talk: Total evidence phylogenies and missing data

Available here: goo.gl/CBqSVJ

2014: BES Macroecology SIG meeting - University of Nottingham, UK

Talk: Trees with fossil and living species: the data issue

Available here: goo.gl/Sdcxon

2014: Evolution 2014 - Raleigh NC, USA

Symposium presentation: Ernst Mayr Symposium

Talk: Total evidence phylogenies: the missing data issue

Available here: goo.gl/oPfHZE

2014: Challenges in Macroecology: Scaling the Time Barrier - Natural History Museum

London, UK

Talk: Trees with fossil and living species: the missing data issue

Available here: goo.gl/c1RBER

2013: European Society for Evolutionary Biology Congress - Lisbon, Portugal

Poster: Combining fossils and molecular phylogenies

Available here: goo.gl/3HcRGH

2013: 11th International Mammalogical Congress - Queen's University, Belfast, UK

Poster: Combining fossils and molecular phylogenies

Available here: goo.gl/3HcRGH

# PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

**Reviewing:** Biology Letters (Top reviewer for 2016); International Journal of Primatology; Molecular Phylogenetics and Evolution; The Royal Society: Interface focus, Systematic Biology, Methods in Ecology and Evolution, Scientific Reports, PLoS ONE.

#### **Workshops:**

2014: Tip-Dating workshop — *helper* 

Nicholas Matzke & April Wright, SVP Annual meeting - Berlin

2014: Software Carpentry Bootcamp - R and UNIX — helper

Devasena Inupakutika & Aur Saraf, University of Nottingham

### **Conferences:**

2017: BES Macro SIG meeting 2017 - London, UK — co-organisator

# Academic memberships:

2015-present: Member of the Systematic Association

2014-present: Member of the Society of Vertebrate Palaeontology

2013-present: Member of Society of Systematic Biologists

2013-present: British Ecological Society (BES) including Macroecology Special Interest Group

#### Departmental services:

2017: Silwood Ecology and Evolution Seminar Series organiser

2016-present: Biweekly Silwood Park Campus computer workshops organiser (LATEX, version control,

webpages, R packages, etc.)

2013-2015: Trinity Zoology Postgraduate student social committee chair

# **TEACHING**

#### Academia

All my teaching material is available on the following GitHub page.

2017: MSc students: C for biologists

Co-teacher, 30 hours, Imperial College - UK

2017: MSc students: Phylogenetic Comparative Methods

Teaching assistant, 6 hours, Natural History Museum - UK

2017: MSc students: morphometrics

Co-teacher, 6 hours, Natural History Museum - UK

2016: MSc students: Rocks 'n' clocks (including a MrBayes practical)

Teacher, 6 hours, Imperial College London - UK

2014: MSc students: Timing Evolution

Teacher, 6 hours, Trinity College Dublin - IE

2014: Software Carpentry Bootcamp - R and UNIX

Helper, full day, University of Nottingham - UK

2013-14: 2<sup>nd</sup> year MSc students: Statistics with R

Teaching assistant, full semester, Trinity College Dublin - IE

2013-14: 4<sup>th</sup> year undergraduate students: Evolution

Teaching assistant, full semester, Trinity College Dublin - IE

2012-13: 4<sup>th</sup> year undergraduate students: Statistics with R

Teaching assistant, full semester, Trinity College Dublin - IE

2012-13: 1<sup>st</sup> year undergraduate students: Introduction to Biodiversity Evolution and the Environment

Teaching assistant, full semester, Trinity College Dublin - IE

### Student supervision

2017: Joe Craig (Imperial College London - MSc project) How does adding data change node

age estimation in morphological phylogenies?

2017: Danielle Moraviec & Hayley Swalund (Imperial College London - MSc mini projects)

Victoria Stanley Tsui (Imperial College London - MSc) *A preliminary study on the suture morphology of skull roofs in early gnathostomes and their ancestors.* - Co-supervised with

Martin Brazeau.

2016: Asiem Sanyal (Imperial College London - MSc mini project)

2014-2015: Luke Hannon (Trinity College Dublin -4<sup>th</sup> year project) *Orbit size and nocturnality in* 

living and fossil primates. - Co-supervised with Natalie Cooper.

2013-2014: Maura Judge (Trinity College Dublin -4<sup>th</sup> year project) *Bite force and diet in mammals.* 

- Co-supervised with Natalie Cooper.

# FIELDWORK AND DATA COLLECTION

2013-14: Museum data collection: Smithsonian Institute Natural History Museum (Washington

DC), American Museum of Natural History (New York), Museum of Comparative Zool-

ogy (Cambridge, MA), Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle (Paris)

2011-12: Excavations in Cruzy, France

Southern France, Continental Cretaceous

2011: Excavations in Krasiejów, Poland

Southern Poland, Continental Trias

2009-10: Excavations in Espéraza, France - Site fore-person Southern France, Continental Cretaceous

# PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH

- Regular contributor to EcoEvo@TCD blog; rated best Irish Science and Technology blog (2014) and Bronze Award Irish Blog (2015).
- Complete list available here: goo.gl/MAq9oA
- Featured posts: How do lego cars evolve?; If you please draw me a dino...; The more the better?.
- Threesis video (early stage thesis project explained in three minutes winner of the NERD club threesis award 2013).

#### **Outreach Events**

2015 & 2014 & 2013: Trinity College Dublin Zoology Department, Researcher's night - participant

2014: 1<sup>st</sup> Soapbox Science Ireland – *helper* 

2014: "What can we learn from skeletons", comparative anatomy practical – *Co-organiser* 

2013: Trinity College Zoology Museum guided tours – *tour guide* 

2010: Introduction to palaeontological excavations, Musée des Dinosaures (FR) – animator