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Education

Ph.D.	Princeton University Dissertation: Origin and evolutionary history of <i>Culex pipiens</i> complex mosquitoes Awarded Centennial Fellowship (Princeton) and Masason Fellowship (Masason Foundation)	Advisor: Carolyn (Lindy) McBride	2023 Aug.
M.A.	Columbia University MA Thesis: The genomics of behavioral adaptation to photoperiodism in an Asian burying beetle Awarded Alfred Russel Wallace Prize for the best MA thesis	Advisor: Dustin Rubenstein	2017
B.A.	The University of Tokyo	Advisor: Tadashi Miyashita, Masakazu Shimada	2015

Employment

Visiting Scholar	Princeton University	Advisor: Carolyn (Lindy) McBride	2023 -
Postdoc	Harvard University	Advisor: Hopi Hoekstra	2023 -
Research Asst.	Columbia University Evolutionary genomics of PRDM9-directed recombination across vertebrates	Advisor: Molly Przeworski	2016 - 17
Visiting Scholar	SOKENDAI Development of a new Phylogenetic Comparative Method to analyze the evolution of sociality in African rodents	Advisor: Nobuyuki Kutsukake	2015

Publications ([Google Scholar](#)) *corresponding author(s) +equal contribution

Published

1. Yang Q, Wang B, Lemey P, Dong L, Mu T, Wiebe RA, Guo F, Trovão NS, Park SW, Lewis N, Tsui J, Bajaj S, Cheng Y, Yang L, **Haba Y**, Li B, Zhang G, Pybus OG, Tian H, Grenfell B. (2024) Synchrony of Bird Migration with Global Dispersal of Avian Influenza Reveals Exposed Bird Orders. *Nature Communications* 15, 1126 (Open Access; preprint on [bioRxiv](#))
2. Ryazansky SS, Chen C, Potters M, Naumenko AN, Lukyanchikova V, Masri RA, Brusentsov II, Karagodin DA, Yurchenko AA, Dos Anjos V, **Haba Y**, Rose NH, Hoffman J, Guo R, Menna T, Kelley M, Ferrill E, Schultz KE, Qi Y, Sharma A, Deschamps S, Llaca V, Mao C, Murphy TD, Baricheva EM, Emrich S, Fritz ML, Benoit JB, Sharakhov IV, McBride CS, Tu Z, Sharakhova MV. (2024) The chromosome-scale genome assembly for the West Nile vector *Culex quinquefasciatus* uncovers patterns of genome evolution in mosquitoes. *BMC Biology* 22, 16 (Open Access)
3. Arich S, **Haba Y**, Assaid N, Fritz ML, McBride CS, Weill M, Taki H, Sari H, Labbé P. (2022) No association between habitat, autogeny, and genetics in Moroccan *Culex pipiens* populations. *Parasites & Vectors* 15, 405. (Open Access)
4. **Haba Y***, McBride CS*. (2022) Origin and status of *Culex pipiens* mosquito ecotypes. *Current Biology* 32:237–246. (Open Access)
5. **Haba Y***, Kutsukake N*. (2019) A multivariate phylogenetic comparative method incorporating a flexible function between discrete and continuous traits. *Evolutionary Ecology* 33:751. (preprint on [bioRxiv](#))
6. **Haba Y***, Herbert R+, Yang L+. (2019) An undescribed relationship between the knobthorn tree (*Senegalia nigrescens*), ants, and a lac scale insect in South Africa. *African Journal of Ecology* 2019:00:1–4.
7. **Haba Y** & Kutsukake N. (2018) Social behavior in vertebrates. In Encyclopedia of Zoology, 1st Ed. Tokyo, Japan. Maruzen. (Japanese)
8. Baker Z, Schumer M, **Haba Y**, Holland C, Rosenthal GG, Przeworski M. (2017) Repeated losses of PRDM9-directed recombination despite the conservation of PRDM9 across vertebrates. *eLife* 6:e24133. (Open Access)

In preparation

9. **Haba Y***, PipPop Consortium, Schumer M, Rose NH, McBride CS*. Global population genomics reveals the evolutionary history of *Culex pipiens* complex mosquitoes.
10. **Haba Y***, Korlević P, McAlister E, PipPop Consortium, Lawniczak MKN, Schumer M, Rose NH, McBride CS*. Origin and status of the London Underground mosquito.

Awards, Fellowships, and Grants

Awards & Fellowships

PIIRS Dissertation Fellowship	Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies	(2022 - 2023)
Walbridge Fund Graduate Award	High Meadows Environmental Institute	(2021)
Rosemary Grant Advanced Award	Society for the Studies of Evolution	(2020)
Lewis and Clark Field Scholar	American Philosophical Society	(2019)
Honjo International Fellowship	Honjo International Scholarship Foundation	(2018 - 2023)
Centennial Fellowship	Princeton University <i>for the top incoming students</i>	(2017 - 2022)
Masayoshi Son Fellowship	Masayoshi Son Foundation	(2017 - 2022)
Alfred Russel Wallace Prize	Columbia University <i>for the best MA Thesis</i>	(2017)
James Mills Peirce Fellowship	Harvard University <i>for the top incoming students. dclnd.</i>	(2017)
Dean's Fellowship	Columbia University <i>for the top incoming students. dclnd.</i>	(2017)
Recruitment Fellowship	U Texas at Austin <i>for the top incoming students. dclnd.</i>	(2017)
Global Leadership Award	Friends of University of Tokyo Inc.	(2015)

Grants

PacVec Training Grant	Pacific Southwest Center of Excellence	(2018 - 2019)
Masayoshi Son Research Grant	Masayoshi Son Foundation	(2017 - 2022)
PhD Seed Grant	Princeton University	(2018)
Sigma Xi Grant-in-Aid of Research	Sigma Xi	(2017)
Earth Institute Student Travel Grant	The Earth Institute	(2016)
E3B MA Grant	Columbia University	(2016)
E3B Travel Grant	Columbia University	(2016)

Presentations

Invited Seminars

Zuckerman Mind Brain Behavior Inst.	Columbia University	Host: Dr. Ishmail Abdus-Saboor	(2023)
Dept. Organismic and Evolutionary Biol.	Harvard University	Host: Dr. Hopi Hoekstra	(2022)
Dept. Biology	Rockefeller University	Host: Dr. Li Zhao	(2022)
Dept. Biology	Rockefeller University	Host: Dr. Daniel Kronauer	(2022)
Dept. Biology	Stanford University	Host: Dr. Molly Schumer	(2022)
Dept. Entomology/Ecology & Evolution	Rutgers University	Host: Dr. Dina Fonseca	(2022)
Dept. Ecol. Evol. Organismal. Biol.	Kennesaw State Uni.	Host: Dr. Sarah Guindre-Parker	(2021)
Dept. Biology (lab seminar)	Stanford University	Host: Dr. Erin Mordecai	(2021)
Dept. Applied Entomological Science	University of Tokyo	Host: Dr. Takashi Matsuo	(2017)
Atmosphere & Ocean Research Institute	University of Tokyo	Host: Dr. Susumu Yoshizawa	(2017)
Dept. Evolutionary Studies & Biosystems	SOKENDAI	Host: Dr. Nobuyuki Kutsukake	(2017)

Conferences (§ - talk, ¶ - poster)

1. Mosquito Kolymbari Meeting §¶	Crete, Greece	(2022)
2. Population, Evolutionary, and Quantitative Genetics Conference (PEQG) ¶	Pacific Grove, CA	(2022)
3. Evolution 2021 (Society for the Studies of Evolution) §	Virtual	(2021)
4. Biology of Genomes 2021 ¶	Virtual	(2021)
5. Princeton-Columbia-Yale-Penn-Rutgers Inter-School Symposium§*	Virtual	(2021)
*Best Talk Prize in the Evolution section		
6. Sahel Mosquito Network Meeting §	Virtual	(2021)
7. PacVec Annual Meeting §	Davis, CA	(2019)
8. SBE 2018 (Society of Molecular Biology and Evolution) §	Yokohama, Japan	(2018)
9. Princeton-Columbia-Yale-Penn-Rutgers Inter-School Symposium §	Princeton, NJ	(2018)
10. NJ Mosquito Control Association §	Atlantic City, NJ	(2018)
11. Evolution 2017 (Society for the Studies of Evolution) §	Portland, OR	(2017)
12. 18 th Annual meeting of Society of Evolutionary Studies, Japan ¶	Tokyo, Japan	(2016)
13. Earth Institute Research Showcase ¶	New York, NY	(2016)
14. The Japanese Society of Applied Entomology and Zoology ¶	Yamagata, Japan	(2015)

Teaching and Mentorship

Mentoring philosophy

Mentoring is one of the most important contributions a scientist could do to the society, and one of the greatest joys I see in my job. I leverage the beauty and complexity of life as an inspiration to help mentees become active and educated citizens who can think critically and challenge status quo when facts contradict it. I welcome and encourage students from all backgrounds regardless of nationality, gender, race, religion, or creed, to develop their own interest and motivation.

Undergraduate Honors Thesis Mentees

Sean Crites (2021-22) Princeton EEB “Investigating genetic underpinnings of host odor preference in *Culex pipiens*”
 Alexandra Colón (2019-20) Princeton EEB “A genetic analysis of host preference variation in *Culex pipiens* mosquitoes.”
 Jaskiran Kaur (2019-20) Princeton EEB “Olfaction based host preferences in *Culex pipiens* mosquitoes”
 Alexandra Hohmann (2018-19) Princeton Neuro “Comparing the Antennal Lobes of Two Forms of *Culex pipiens* Mosquito”

Undergraduate Summer Internship Mentees

Vitor Dos Anjos (2020) Swarthmore College “Annotating the chromosome-scale assembly of a mosquito genome”

Princeton EEB Scholars Program Mentees (selected)

Aryan Jakhar (2021-22) Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), India, now at PhD Program at Brown University
 Lucia Ximena Alva Caballero (2020-21) National University of Trujillo, Peru, now at [the Erasmus Mundus Master Programme in Evolutionary Biology \(MEME\)](#) with a scholarship
 Joevy Sum (2020-21) University of Nebraska-Lincoln, NE, now at Master’s program at MGH Institute of Health Professions, Boston, MA

XPLANE Mentor Program Mentees (selected)

Fang Chen (2021-23) University of Tokyo/U Michigan, now at PhD Program at Virginia Tech
 Naoto Yamaguchi (2020-21) University of Tokyo, now at PhD Program at U Washington St. Louis
 Yu Yu Phua (2020-21) University of Tokyo, now at PhD Program at Caltech

Classes

1. **Evolution** (2021, 2022, 2023, 2024) led by Profs. Molly Schumer and Dmitri Petrov, Stanford University.
Guest lecture “*Mechanistic Basis of Behavioral Evolution*” at the intro-level Evolutionary Biology undergraduate course.
2. **Genomics in the Wild** (2020) led by Profs. Julien Ayroles and Sarah Kocher, Princeton University.
A 3-week advanced (for juniors and seniors) field class in Mpala Research Center, Kenya, on the use of genomic tools to answer ecological and evolutionary questions. Helped coordinate the program including local field sampling, molecular experiments, and gave a lecture on genomic data analysis.
3. **Neurogenetics and Evolution of Behavior** (2018) led by Prof. Carolyn McBride, Princeton University.
An advanced (for juniors and seniors), discussion-based class on the recent publications of the genetics and neurobiology of behavioral evolution. Designed and led weekly review/discussion sessions.
4. **Environmental Biology I** (2016) led by Prof. Dustin Rubenstein, Columbia University.
An introductory course of biology for students from any backgrounds with emphasis on ecology and evolutionary biology. Led weekly review/discussion sessions, wrote and graded exams.
5. **The Behavioral Biology of the Living Primates** (2016) led by Prof. Marina Cords, Columbia University.
An introductory course of behavioral ecology, with emphasis on the behavioral ecology of primates. Designed and graded exams.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Mobile Mosquito Lab @ Martin Luther King Junior Middle School, Trenton, NJ (2023)

As the McBride lab, we designed a fun and informative program aimed at teaching local middle-school students basic biology of mosquitoes. Working with both English- and Spanish-speaking students, I took charge of a microscope module in which we compare *Aedes* and *Culex* mosquitoes and discuss their morphological and ecological differences.

EEB Scholars Program, Princeton University: Mentor (2020-2022)

Mentored students from underrepresented backgrounds and/or with limited resources to apply for Ecology and Evolutionary Biology graduate programs in the United States and Europe. Mentoring includes: 1-on-1 meetings to help clarify their research interests, essay writing and revisions, mock-interviews throughout the application season (from early fall to late winter the next year).

EEB Open House: Graduate Student Panelist (2021)

Participated as a graduate student panelist in the session with aims to demystify the application processes and life as a PhD student for the potential applicants to the Ecology and Evolutionary Biology PhD program at Princeton University.

Evolution 2021 Bilingual Mentoring Program: Mentor (2021)

Mentored a non-native mentee to help with translation, grammar, and spelling on presentation, provided presentation advice for recording, and advised the mentee on how to make the most of their participation in social events.

XPLANE: Founder and Board Member (2019-present)

Co-founded a Non-Profit Organization XPLANE funded by US Department of State and US Embassy in Tokyo. We designed and implemented a community-based knowledge platform for Japanese students who would like to apply for overseas graduate schools with limited resources. Currently a community of 2,500+ users. Website [here](#) (Japanese).

Reference *main advisors

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