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Curriculum Vitae

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**EDUCATION**

- Aug. 2019 – Present      **University of South Florida**, Tampa, FL  
Ph.D. in Biology  
Concentration: Ecology & Evolution  
Advisor: Andrew M. Kramer  
Dissertation: “Species distribution models with deep learning and time-series data.”
- Aug. 2015 – May 2018      **University of Florida**, Gainesville, FL  
M.S. in Interdisciplinary Ecology  
Concentration: Wildlife Ecology & Conservation  
Advisors: Wendell P. Cropper Jr; Michael P. Moulton  
Thesis: “A comparison of machine learning methods to classify Chukar partridge (*Alectoris chukar*) establishment patterns in Washington state”
- Aug. 2010 – Aug. 2013      **University of Florida**, Gainesville, FL  
B.A. in Mathematics  
Minor: Secondary Education
- Aug. 2007 – May 2010      **Santa Fe College**, Gainesville, FL  
A.A. in Mathematics

**EMPLOYMENT**

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|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Aug. 2022 – Present   | University of South Florida | Graduate Teaching Assistant |
| Jan. 2020 – Aug. 2022 | University of South Florida | Graduate Research Associate |
| Aug. 2019 – Jun. 2020 | University of South Florida | Graduate Teaching Assistant |
| Oct. 2018 – Jun. 2020 | University of South Florida | Research Associate          |
| Jan. 2016 – Jun. 2018 | University of Florida       | Graduate Teaching Assistant |

Aug. 2015 – Jan. 2016

University of Florida

Graduate Research Assistant

## **COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE**

Boyd Hill Nature Preserve,  
St. Petersburg, FL, 33705

Bird of Prey Lead Caretaker

August 2018-Present

## **GRANTS & FUNDING**

- University of Florida, Department of Wildlife Ecology & Conservation, 2017 (\$1200)
- University of Florida, Department of Wildlife Ecology & Conservation, 2017 (\$120)

## **PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

- **A. M. Smith**, W. P. Cropper Jr., M. P. Moulton. Machine learning as a tool for managing game bird introductions. *Ecological Applications*. *in review*
- M. P. Moulton, W. P. Cropper Jr., **A. M. Smith**. A comment on Rock Partridge (*Alectoris graeca*) introductions. *Ornithology* *in review*
- **A. M. Smith**, W. P. Cropper Jr., M. P. Moulton. 2021. A quantitative assessment of site-level factors in influencing Chukar (*Alectoris chukar*) introduction outcomes. *PeerJ* 9:e11280 DOI 10.7717/peerj.11280

## **Courses Taught**

- **Instructor**, PCB3043L Principles of Ecology, University of South Florida. Lab.
  - 2 sections, 23 students (each)
  - Semesters taught:
    - Spring 2022
- **Instructor**, BSC2011L Biodiversity, University of South Florida. Lab.
  - 2 sections, 25 students (each)
  - Semesters taught:
    - Fall 2019; 2022
    - Spring 2020
  - 2 sections, 25 students (each)
- **Teaching Assistant**, WIS 2040 Wildlife Issues in a Changing World, University of Florida.
  - 3 section, ~ 150 students (each)
  - Semesters taught:
    - Spring 2016; 2017; 2018
    - Summer 2016; 2017

- Fall 2016; 2017
- **Teaching Assistant**, WIS 2552 Biodiversity Conservation: Global Perspectives, University of Florida. Online.
  - 1 section, 50 students
  - Semesters taught:
    - Spring 2016; 2017; 2018
    - Summer 2016; 2017
    - Fall 2016; 2017

## **PRESENTATIONS & INVITED TALKS**

### *Conferences*

- **A. M. Smith**, C. Capinha, A. M. Kramer. Predicting species distributions with environmental time-series data and deep-learning. Ecological Society of America Annual Meeting. Virtual, 2021.
- **A. M. Smith**, W. P. Cropper Jr., M. Moulton. A Comparison of Machine Learning Methods to Classify Chukar Partridge (*Alectoris chukar*) Establishment Patterns in Washington State. (poster). Ecological Society of America Annual Meeting. August 2018, New Orleans, LA.

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

2018 – 2021	American Association for the Advancement of Science
2018 – Present	American Ornithological Society
2022 – Present	British Ecological Society
2017 – Present	Ecological Society of America
2018 – Present	The Wildlife Society