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EDUCATION

Ph.D in Marine Biology and Ecology (2019) University of Miami, RSMAS (US). Dissertation: *Abiotic Controls on Endosymbiotic Algal Communities and Their Implications for Coral Bleaching Susceptibility and Recovery*. Award of academic merit.

B.S. in Biology (2010) Universidad de Antioquia (Colombia). **Thesis:** *Comparison of methods for monitoring sessile benthic communities in “La Azufrada”, coral reef, Gorgona Island National Natural Park*. 75 pp.

RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

2019-current	Postdoctoral Fellow, National Research Council	Miami, FL
2013-2018	University of Miami - RSMAS Graduate Research assistant	Miami, FL
2011-2012	Universided de Antioquia, Research assistant	Medellin, Colombia
2010-2011	Universided del Valle, Research assistant	Cali, Colombia

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

Fuess LE, **Palacio-Castro AM**, Butler CC, Baker AC, Mydlarz LD (2020) Increased algal symbiont density reduces host immunity in a threatened Caribbean coral species, *Orbicella faveolata*. *Frontiers in Ecology and Evolution* 8:369. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fevo.2020.572942>.

Romero-Torres M, Acosta A, **Palacio-Castro AM**, Trembl EA, Zapata F, Paz-García D, Porter JM (2020) Coral reef resilience to thermal stress in the eastern tropical Pacific. *Glob Change Biol* 26: 3880–3890. <https://doi.org/10.1111/gcb.15126>

Towle EK, **Palacio-Castro AM**, Baker AC, Langdon C (2017) Source location and food availability determine the growth response of *Orbicella faveolata* to climate change stressors. *Regional Studies in Marine Science* 10

SCIENTIFIC PRESENTATIONS

2018 **Palacio-Castro, AM**, Snyder GA, Dennison, C, Baker AC. “Multiple bleaching events in *Siderastrea siderea* increase the abundance and persistence of thermotolerant algal symbionts (*Symbiodinium trenchii*), with positive effects on subsequent bleaching

- response”. *Reef Futures 2018: A Coral Restoration and Intervention-Science Symposium*, Key Largo, USA.
- 2018 Cabral G, Karp R, **Palacio-Castro AM**, Strueben M, Lirman D, Baker AC. “Testing in situ stress hardening techniques to increase the climate resilience of a coral restoration program in South Florida”. *Reef Futures 2018: A Coral Restoration and Intervention-Science Symposium*, Key Largo, USA.
- 2018 **Palacio-Castro AM**, Snyder GA, Dennison C, Baker AC. “Symbiodiniaceae community dynamics in the starlet coral (*Siderastrea siderea*) during two experimental bleaching and recovery events”. *Colombia 2018: International Conference on Marine Science*, Medellín, Colombia.
- 2016 **Palacio-Castro AM**, Snyder GA, Baker AC. “Effect of balanced and imbalanced nutrient enrichment on the bleaching response of two Caribbean corals during heat stress”. *13th International Coral Reef Symposium (ICRS)*, Honolulu, USA.
- 2016 Smith TB, Baker AC, Brandtneris VW, Glynn PW, Manzello DP, Maté JL, McGillis WR, **Palacio AM**, Fong P. “Bleaching and depth refuges in the Eastern Pacific during the strong 2015-2016 El Niño”. *13th International Coral Reef Symposium (ICRS)*, Honolulu, USA.
- 2013 **Palacio-Castro AM**, Zapata FA. “Comparison of three different methods for monitoring sessile benthic communities on coral reefs”. 7th Mexican and 1st Pan-American coral Reef Congress, Mérida, Mexico.
- 2010 **Palacio-Castro AM**, Palacios MM. “Characterization of the coral morphotypes of *Pocillopora* genus present in Malpelo Wildlife Sanctuary”. XIX National Seminar on Science and Technology of the Sea (SENALMAR), Cali, Colombia.
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TECHNICAL REPORTS

- 2010 Zapata FA, **Palacio-Castro AM**, Jaramillo-G J, Palacios MM, Londoño E, Izquierdo V, Muñoz CG, Lemos I, Zambrano V, Lozano D. *Comparison of different methods used for assessing the status of coral reefs in the Tropical Eastern Pacific Seascape and preliminary analysis of the resilience of coral reefs within Gorgona Island National Natural Park (Colombia)*. Report to Conservation International-Colombia.
- 2009 Navas-Camacho R, Jaramillo-González J, Vega-Sequeda JC, Lozano-Cortés D, Zapata FA, **Palacio-Castro AM**, Palacios MM, Muñoz CG. *Coral Reef Monitoring in The National Coral Reef Monitoring Stations - Colombia (SIMAC)*. Gorgona Island Scientific Expedition.
- 2008 **Palacio-Castro AM**, Rodríguez-Ramírez A, Muñoz CG, Zapata FA. *Baseline Marine Biodiversity Assessment in Gorgona Island – PNN, under the Eastern Tropical Pacific Seascape. Chapter III: Corals*.
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GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

- **US National Research Council.** Postdoctoral fellowship to work with scientists at NOAA-AOML on coral diseases (\$110,000) (2019-2020)

- **David Rowland Fellowship** to run real time PCR study (\$3,500) (2017)
 - **COLCIENCIAS** Colombian Science and Technology Department full scholarship to study PhD program abroad (\$210,000) (2012-2017)
 - **ECAES** 5th highest score in the ECAES National Biology Tests (similar to Biology-subject GRE) (2009)
 - **SIGUEME** Full tuition fellowship for an exchange year at University of Valle, Cali, Colombia (2006-2007)
 - **ECOPETROL Bachilleres por Colombia** Colombian Oil Company full scholarship to get an undergraduate degree (2003-2010)
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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2018 **Guest Lecturer:** Universidad CES. Lecture: *Corales en el antropoceno: Efectos del calentamiento climático en los corales pétreos.*
- 2016 **Guest Lecturer:** University of Miami - MBE 535/ 635: Practical Computing for Biologists. Lecture: *Version control and reproducible science.*
- 2016 **Teaching assistant:** University of Miami – Study abroad program. MSC422: Marine Ecology of The Galapagos.
- 2015 **Teaching assistant:** University of Miami, MSC232: Introduction to Marine biology Laboratory
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OTHER COURSES AND WORKSHOPS

- 2017 (Jun) Methods in Ecological Genomics Workshop at Mote: Section 2bRAD. Duration: 48 hours. Dictated by Dr. Misha Matz (**UT Austin**) at Mote's International Center for Coral Reef Research and Restoration.
- 2015 (Feb) Training Workshop "Empowering Capable Climate Communicators 2015". Duration: 12 hours. Hosted by: Dr. Harold R. Wanless and Caroline Lewis.
- 2013 (Jan) Light and Photosynthesis on Coral Reefs, **Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México**, Puerto Morelos, Mexico.
- 2011 (Sept) Training Workshop "Resilience of Coral Reefs and Climate Change. Gorgona Island, Colombia. Duration: 12 hours. Dictated by: Pilar Herrón, Valeria Pizarro and Fernando Zapata.
- 2008 (Dec) IV Ibero-American Network Seminar on Remote Sensing applied to the Coastal Geologic Hazards Prevention: "Technologies for Coastal Erosion Study on the Colombian coast." **EAFIT University**, Medellín. Duration: 12 hours.
- 2007 (Sep) Ecological Modeling, Analysis and Simulation Systems. Dictated by: William E. Grant. **Universidad del Valle**, Cali, Colombia. Duration: 32 hours.
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RESEARCH EXPEDITIONS

- 2018 Gulf of Panama and Chiriquí (Panama), 14 days.

- 2017 The Galapagos Islands (Ecuador), 15 days.
 - 2016 Gulf of Panama (Panama), 10 days.
 - 2015 Gulf of Panama and Chiriquí (Panama), 17 days.
 - 2015 The Galapagos Islands (Ecuador), 15 days.
 - 2014 Gulf of Panama and Chiriquí (Panama), 16 days.
 - 2014 Gorgona Island (Colombia), 12 days.
 - 2010 Malpelo Island (Colombia), 12 days.
 - 2009 Gorgona Island (Colombia), 12 days.
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MENTORING

Committee member (Degree, year of graduation):

Master committee member:

- Danielle Kroesche, University of Miami (MPS, 2020)

Thesis and dissertation advising (Degree, year of graduation):

Undergrad thesis co-director

- Elizabeth Quiceno (Universidad de Antioquia (BS, 2020)

Research mentorship (Year of internship):

Master students

- 2019-2020 Danielle Kroesche (MPS)
- 2015 Marine-Océane Guillermand (1 semester exchange program from France)
- 2015 Juliene Beblo (MPS)

Undergraduate students

- 2017 - 2018 Sofia Diaz de Villegas
- 2017: Celia Leto
- 2016 - 2017: Prati Rosen
- 2016 - 2017: Rebecca Gilpin
- 2015 – 2018: Caroline Dennison
- 2016: Karim Primov
- 2015: Elana Rusnak
- 2014 - 2016: Grace Snyder
- 2014: Patrick Nichols

High school students

- Hannah Waxman (2014-2017)
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JOURNAL PEER REVIEW

Ecology, Biodiversity and Conservation, Climatic Change, Aquatic sciences.

OUTREACH AND SCIENCE COMMUNICATION

Presentations:

- 2017 3rd Coral Reef Ecology Workshop (CREWS). Instructor of *Coral Biology, Bonaire's coral reefs* and *Ocean Conservation*. Bonaire, September 24-29.
- 2016 *Coral reefs in Panama*. Presentation for the elementary school in Pixvae- Gulf of Chiriquí, Panama. April 20
- 2016 *El Niño effects on Galápagos marine ecosystems*. Presentation for the Park Rangers in the Galápagos National Park. February 12
- 2016 *El Niño effects on Galapagos marine ecosystems*. Workshop for the community (Familias Campesinas) in cooperation with IOI-Galapagos. February 11
- 2015 Instructor in the 1st Coral Reef Ecology Workshop (CREWS) series. Instructor of *Coral Biology* and *Symbiosis in Coral Reefs*. Cozumel, Mexico, November 7-14.

Radio interviews:

- 2017 “Blanqueamiento coralino: Una amenaza inminente para el planeta” in Noticias ONU, January 6th, 2017. <https://news.un.org/es/audio/2017/01/1419031>

Print media:

- 2015 “Research heats-up / Se calienta la investigación” in TRÓPICOS, September 2015.
https://issuu.com/strinewspanama/docs/tropicos_september_2015/8

Videos:

- 2014 “Coral rescue at Port of Miami” in YouTube, June 6th, 2014.
<https://youtu.be/v1ZE9ixk5wk>

ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

Diving and boating (Agency, Year)

- AWARE coral reef conservation Specialty (PADI, 2015, 15110U4056)
- Diving first aid for professional divers (DAN, 2014)
- Scientific diver (American Academy of Underwater Sciences, 2013)
- Theoretical-practical course for operating small motor boats (MOCC - US Geological Survey, 2013)
- Advanced open water diver (PADI, 2009).

LENGUAJES

- Spanish: Native
- English: Proficient