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CAREER HISTORY

Date	Job Title	Department	Organisation
2020-	Lecturer in Conservation Biology and Deputy Course Leader (BSc Natural History)	Applied Sciences	University of South Wales
2019-20	Lecturer in Conservation Biology	Applied Sciences	University of South Wales
2017-19	Postdoctoral Researcher	School of BEES	University College Cork
2017-18	Visiting Research Fellow	Biological Sciences	Queen's University Belfast

EDUCATION

Date	Qualification	Topic	Organisation
2016	PhD	Conservation biology	Queen's University Belfast
2011	MRes	Biodiversity and conservation	University of Leeds
2009	BSc (Hons)	Zoology with conservation	Bangor University

Professional activities

Associate Editor	<i>Remote Sensing in Ecology and Conservation.</i>
Peer reviewer	<i>African Journal of Ecology; Austral Ecology; Behavioural Ecology and Sociobiology; Biological Conservation; Bird Study; Canadian Journal of Zoology; Diversity and Distributions; Global Change Biology; Journal of Natural History; Journal of Zoology; Mammal Communications; Mammal Research; Mammal Review; PeerJ; PLOS One; Remote Sensing in Ecology and Conservation; Ringing and Migration; The European Zoological Journal; Zoo Biology.</i>
Funding review	British Ecological Society Grant Review College (2015 – present); Croatian Science Foundation; Alberta Conservation Association.
Consultant	The Hen Harrier Reintroduction Project (University of Exeter and Natural England); IUCN Outlook Assessment for Gough and Inaccessible Islands World Heritage Site.

RESEARCH

I employ field and data-based experiments and analyses to answer specific questions relating to the ecology of species and ecological communities to inform conservation, management and policy-related processes. My current work is broadly interdisciplinary, highly collaborative and includes analyses of activity patterns, landscape-scale habitat and distribution modelling and an assessment of wildlife management practises.

Research Interests Conservation biology; invasive species; population & community ecology; movement & spatial ecology; rare and endangered species; sustainability; rewilding; citizen science; remote sensing.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed journals

- 2020 Farrell S, Noble PJ-M, Linchbeck GL, Brant B, **Caravaggi A**, Singleton DA, Radford AD. (*in press*) Risk factors for myxomatosis in pet rabbits in Great Britain. *Journal of Veterinary Science*.
- Caravaggi A**, Irwin S, Lusby J, Mee A, Nagle T, McCarthy A, O'Halloran J. (*in press*) Forest management and Hen Harrier *Circus cyaneus* conservation in Ireland. *Irish Birds*.
- Caravaggi A**, Irwin S, Lusby J, Ruddock M, Mee A, Nagle T, O'Halloran J (*in press*) Anthropogenic pressures within the breeding range of the Hen Harrier (*Circus cyaneus*) in Ireland. *Bird Study*.
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- Havlin P, **Caravaggi A**, Montgomery WI. The diet and abundance of an introduced insular population of Red-Necked Wallabies, *Macropus rufogriseus*. *Canadian Journal of Zoology*. 96(4): 357-365.
- 2017 O'Halloran J, Kelly TC, Quinn JL, Irwin S, Fernández-Bellon D, **Caravaggi A**, Smiddy P. Current ornithological research in Ireland: seventh Ornithological Research Conference, UCC, November 2017. *Irish Birds*. 10: 598–638.
- Caravaggi A**, Montgomery WI, Reid N. Management and control of invasive brown hares (*Lepus europaeus*): contrasting attitudes of selected environmental stakeholders and the wider rural community. *Proceedings of the Royal Irish Academy: Biology & Environment*. 117B:1-11.
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- Caravaggi A**, Leach K, Santilli F, Rintala J, Helle P, Tiainen J, Bisi F, Martinoli A, Montgomery WI, Reid N. Niche overlap of mountain hare subspecies and the vulnerability of their ranges to invasion by the European hare; the (bad) luck of the Irish. *Biological Invasions*. 19(2): 655-674.
- 2016 **Caravaggi A**, Zaccaroni M, Riga F, Schai-Braun SC, Dick JTA, Montgomery WI, Reid N. An invasive-native mammalian species replacement process captured by camera trap survey Random Encounter Models. *Remote Sensing in Ecology and Conservation*. 2: 45-58.
- 2015 **Caravaggi A**, Montgomery WI, Reid N. Range expansion and comparative habitat use of insular, congeneric lagomorphs: invasive European hares *Lepus europaeus* and endemic Irish hares *Lepus timidus hibernicus*. *Biological Invasions*. 17(2): 687-698.

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Book chapters

2018 **Caravaggi A**. Lagomorpha Life History. In: Vonk J, Shackelford TK (eds.) *Encyclopedia of Animal Cognition and Behavior*. Springer.

Caravaggi A. Lagomorpha Navigation. In: Vonk J, Shackelford TK (eds.) *Encyclopedia of Animal Cognition and Behavior*. Springer. doi: 10.1007/978-3-319-47829-6_1164-1

Technical reports

- 2019 McGowan NE, McDermott N, Stone R, Lysaght L, Dingerkus SK, **Caravaggi A**, Montgomery WI, Reid N. National Hare Survey & Population Assessment 2017-2019. Irish Wildlife Manuals, no. 113. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, Ireland.
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- Ball S, **Caravaggi A**, Keogh G, Butler F. Managing hares at Dublin Airport – Annual Review 2018/19. Report produced for the Dublin Airport Authority, Dublin.
- 2018 McGowan N, Dingerkus K, Stone R, **Caravaggi A**, McDermott N, Montgomery WI, Reid N. Hare Survey of Ireland 2018/2019: Interim Report (June) 2018. Report produced for the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.

Other publications

- 2019 Hayward M, Scanlon RJ, Callen A et al. including **Caravaggi A**. The search for novelty continues for rewilding. *Biological Conservation*. doi: 10.1016/j.biocon.2019.05.041. (*Letter to the Editor*)
- 2017 **Caravaggi A**, James K. Twittersphere: Conferencing in 140 characters. *Nature*. 549: 458. (*Letter*)

TEACHING

As a teacher I aim to provide my students with skills, knowledge and confidence critical to their academic and personal development. I take an inclusive approach, developing strong relationships and encouraging discussion. I work to support my students in all aspects while respecting their individuality and independence.

Qualifications

- 2019- Postgraduate Certificate in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education (*ongoing*).

Module Leader

- 2019-20 GE1S008 – Observational Fieldwork
 GE2S008 –Biodiversity and Biogeography
 GE2S017 – Research Methods in Natural History
 GE3S009 – Mediterranean Field Expedition
 ES4S011 – European Field Expedition
- 2017-18 BL6024 - Quantitative Skills for Biologists Using R (UCC).

Lecturing and field-based teaching

- 2018- BI3D104 – Natural History Research Project
 BI3S109 – Community and Population Ecology

	GE0S04 – Foundation in Natural History
	GE1S008 – Observational Fieldwork
	GE1S010 – Natural History
	GE2S008 - Biodiversity & Biogeography
	GE2S017 – Research Methods in Natural History
	GE3S008 – Natural History Field Expedition
	GE3S009 Mediterranean Field Expedition
	ES4H001 – Environmental Management and Legislation
	ES4H002 – Wildlife Surveying
	ES4S009 – Restoration Ecology
	ES4S010 - Terrestrial and Aquatic Conservation
	ES4S011 – European Field Expedition
	ES4T001 - MSc Research Projects
2018	BL6024 - Quantitative Skills for Biologists Using R. BL5014 - Conservation Biology.
2017	BL6024 - Quantitative Skills for Biologists Using R.
2015	Introduction to GIS (<i>Teaching Assistant</i>) Animal Biology (<i>Teaching Assistant</i>) Undergraduate residential field course
2014	Undergraduate residential field course

Student supervision

I currently supervise three PhD students, one based at USW and two at UCC. I also supervise the research projects of BSc and MSc students at USW, each year. I have previously supervised two exchange (Erasmus and SWB), 14 BSc, 11 MSc and one MRes student.

FELLOWSHIPS, FUNDING AND AWARDS

Date	Award	Value	Organisation
2019	GTA PhD programme	£125,000	University of South Wales
2019	PhD programme	€100,000	National Parks and Wildlife Service
2018	PhD programme	€96,000	Irish Research Council
2017	Project tender	€150,000	National Parks and Wildlife Service
	Postdoctoral research	€174,000	National Parks and Wildlife Service
	Visiting Research Fellow	-	Queen's University Belfast
2015	Training and Travel grant	£500	British Ecological Society
2014	Research grant	£2,000	People's Trust for Endangered Species
2012	PhD studentship	£82,720	Northern Ireland Environmental Agency
2010	Master's scholarship	£7,500	Natural Environment Research Council

PRESENTATIONS

Conferences (oral presentations)

2018	Environ 2019: Engagement for Climate Action, Carlow.
2019	Invasive Species Conference, Belfast

- 2017 International Congress for Conservation Biology, Cartagena.
World Seabird Twitter Conference, online.
The Mammal Society, Newcastle (*invited keynote*).
Mammal Society Spring Conference, Cambridge.
- 2016 British Ecological Society Annual Meeting, Liverpool.
North Wales Mammal Symposium, Bangor
The Mammal Society, Lancaster (*invited keynote*).
Mammal Society Spring Conference, Yarnfield
- 2015 7th European Congress of Mammalogy, Stockholm, Sweden.
Vth International Wildlife Management Congress, Sapporo, Japan.
Mammal Society Spring Conference, Lancaster.
- 2014 Mammal Society Spring Conference, Birmingham.
- 2013 11th International Mammal Congress, Belfast.
Mammal Society Student Conference, Staffordshire.
- 2012 2nd All Ireland Mammal Symposium (AIMS), Dublin
4th World Lagomorph Conference, BOKU, Vienna.
- 2009 11th BIAZA Research Symposium, Blackpool.

Invited seminars

- 2019 Biological Sciences, Cardiff University.
School of BEES Seminar Series, University College Cork.
Bangor University Zoological Society, Bangor University.
- 2018 Research Group seminar on Science Communication, University College Cork.
Keynote, Mammal Society Student Conference, Worcester.
- 2014 Biological Sciences, Bangor University.

CONFERENCE ORGANISATION

- 2018 2nd Biotweeps Twitter Conference (*principal organiser*).
- 2017 7th Irish Ornithological Congress, Cork (*scientific committee*).
Biotweeps Twitter Conference (*principal organiser*).
- 2014-18 Mammal Society Student Conferences, various (*principal organiser*).

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Training and workshops

- 2019- Postgraduate Certificate in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education (ongoing)
- 2018 Better Biosecurity (University of Leeds)
Research funding (UCC)
Unconscious bias awareness (UCC)
Developing Horizon 2020 grant applications (UCC)
- 2017 Advanced Training in Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis (NERC)
Level 3 Teaching Assistant (e-learning)
Engagement and Public Outreach (BES)
Remote mammal surveying (*workshop*; Vincent Wildlife Trust)
- 2016 Mentorship for academic ecologists (BES)

- Developments in conservation ecology (*workshop*; BES)
- Acoustic analysis of marine mammal vocalisations (*workshop*; NWMG)
- 2012 Lagomorph systematics (*workshop*)

Licenses and certification

- 2019 Emergency first aid
- Field first aid
- Mental health first aid
- 2018 LAST Ireland (animal welfare in research)
- License to ring/mark wild animals (NPWS; License no: 09-2018)
- 2014 ASPA laboratory animal handling license (TSA/47/14)
- 2012 BTO bird ringing 'C' license
- 2008 Marine mammal medic, BDMLR
- 2002 Full manual UK driving license, held without incident or penalty

Societal memberships (since)

- 2017 British Ornithologist's Union
- 2015 South Wales Mammal Group
- Welsh Ornithological Society
- 2013 Society of Conservation Biology (SCB)
- 2012 British Ecological Society
- 2009 The British Trust for Ornithology

Organisational and working groups (since)

- 2017 SCB Participatory and Citizen Science working group
- 2016-17 South Wales Mammal Group (*committee*)
- 2015-18 Mammal Society Council (*committee*)
- 2012 SCB Urban Ecology working group

Additional roles

- 2019 BES Wales Policy Group
- USW Athena SWAN Champion
- BES Education and Careers Committee
- 2018 UCC BEES Education and Public Engagement Committee
- 2016-18 University Mammal Challenge coordinator, The Mammal Society
- 2016 Session chair, British Ecological Society Annual Meeting
- British Ecological Society Women in Ecology (WIE) mentor
- 2015-17 Lagomorph consultant, The Mammal Society
- 2016 Community Ecology session chair, British Ecological Society Annual Meeting
- 2013 Wildlife consultant, Biological records for the North East of Scotland (NESBReC)
- 2012-15 EBEE postgraduate representative, Queen's University Belfast
- SBS Athena SWAN committee, Queen's University Belfast
- 2007-09 Undergraduate student representative, Bangor University
- Founding committee, Bangor University Zoological Society

SCIENCE COMMUNICATION

I am a strong advocate of science communication and outreach and believe that it is important to encourage an interest in science and the natural world in people of all ages. I am the creator and sole curator of the Twitter-based science communication project, Biotweeps, that hosts a different biologist every week and has a current following of > 16,000. Biotweeps has also hosted two global virtual conferences featuring dozens of scientists from around the world and with audiences numbering in the millions. I have given talks to over 20 school, local interest, community and natural history groups in the UK, USA and Canada, in-person and via video calls.

MEDIA ENGAGEMENTS

Radio and podcasts

- 2018 BBC Radio Wales, UK
 BBC Radio Derby, UK
 MostlyScience live (*podcast*)
- 2017 BBC Coventry & Warwickshire, UK
 The Edgar Ortega Radio Show, North America (*podcast*)
- 2016 SciComm with Dr. Mike, UK (*podcast; 2 shows*)
- 2015 BBC Radio Ulster, Northern Ireland
 BBC Radio Ulster, *Good Morning Ulster*, UK
- 2013 RTE Radio 1, *Mooney Goes Wild*, UK

Television

- 2015 Countryfile, BBC
- 2013 River Bann, RTE Television

Other media

- 2019 Earther (*contributor*)
- 2018 BBC Wildlife (*invited article*)
- 2017 The Washington Post (*interview*)
- 2016 National Geographic advisor (*mammal expert*)
 Biotechn.asia (*interview*)
 Featured research - Camera traps reveal a hare-raising situation, *RSEC blog*, ZSL
- 2015 ScienceNews (*interview*)
 BBC News (*interview and featured article*)
 Nature News (*interview*)
 Crastine.se (*interview*)
- 2014 Species profiles: Mountain hare and Irish hare, The Mammal Society
- 2013 Mid-Ulster Mail (*interview*)

SKILLS

Analytical software	R, SPSS, Minitab, Distance, MARK, ArcGIS, QGIS, MaxEnt, NetLogo, MAVIS NVC, Patch Analyst, GeneMapper, bespoke software.
Additional tools	Microsoft Office, GitHub, RMarkdown, graphics packages (e.g. Adobe creative suite), website creation.
Statistical	General linear and mixed-effects models, Principal Components Analysis, Species Distribution Modelling, Discriminant Function Analysis, diversity indices, Mahalanobis and Euclidean distance, cross-correlation functions, model averaging, Random Encounter Models, meta-analysis, other parametric and non-parametric tests.
Field	Off-road driving (4x4), multi-taxa (mammal, bird, invertebrate, reptile, amphibian; UK coastal, marine and terrestrial) surveys (e.g. mark-recapture, distance sampling, camera traps, quadrats, scan/focal sampling, habitat surveys [e.g. NVC, Phase 1]) and identification, animal handling (amphibians, reptiles, invertebrates, and small-to-large birds and mammals), orienteering.
Laboratory	Multi-taxa dissection (mammal, bird, amphibian, invertebrate), species identification via microscopy, ethological studies, tissue sampling, DNA manipulation, electrophoresis, atomic absorption and colourimetric spectroscopy, specimen preparation, soil chemical and biological analysis.

REFEREES

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