

A Bay Area Native, I grew up in beautiful Sonoma County, CA and graduated from Stanford University with a B.S. degree in Earth Systems in 2010. Post-graduation, I spent two years working a variety of science and development-related jobs, first as a communications intern with World Wildlife Fund in Madagascar, then as field coordinator for a Smithsonian Institution project focused on emerging rodent-borne diseases in Laikipia, Kenya. I rounded out my “time off” with a short-term stint as a GIS analyst for Peninsula Open Space Trust and an eight-month gig as a research technician on the USGS Minnesota Wolf Project. In the fall of 2012, I moved to New Jersey to embark on a PhD in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at Princeton University and began chasing bat viruses across Madagascar. In August 2017, defended my dissertation and moved to Berkeley, California to begin my postdoctoral fellowship with the Miller Institute. I am conducting my research jointly in the labs of Professor Mike Boots and Professor Britt Glaunsinger in the Departments of Integrative Biology and Plant and Microbiology. When I’m not doing science, you’ll find me running or hiking throughout the North American West. (*photo credit: Christa Szumski*) Full CV