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#### Education

Ph.D. Evolutionary Biology, Yale University, Major Advisor: Michael Donoghue, 2008

M.S. Evolutionary Biology, Yale University, 2005

B.A. Liberal Arts, Sarah Lawrence College, 2003

## Professional Experience

Associate Professor 2018– University of Michigan Ann Arbor, MI Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

Assistant Professor 2012–2018 University of Michigan Ann Arbor, MI

Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

Affiliation 2012— University of Michigan Ann Arbor, MI

Department of Computational Medicine and Bioinformatics

iPlant Postdoctoral Researcher

2010-2011

Casey Dunn & Alexandros Stamatakis

Brown University

Developing tools for constructing large phylogenetic datasets, comparative analyses, and examining the utility of new sequencing technologies for phylogenetics.

NESCent Postdoctoral Fellow

2008 – 2010

**NESCent** 

Duke University

National Evolutionary Synthesis Center postdoctoral fellow examining the evolution of angiosperms with comparative analyses and large datasets.

## Teaching Experience

Instructor – Biology and Middle Earth (University of Michigan, BIO 120) upcoming Fall. 2022

Instructor – Biological Data Analysis and Programming (University of Michigan, BIO 202) current Winter. 2022

Instructor - Evolution (University of Michigan, EEB 390) every Fall. 2012-2021

Instructor – Phylogenetic Methods and Theory (University of Michigan, EEB 491) every other Winter. 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021

Instructor - Science, Reason, and Nonsense (University of Michigan) 2017, 2019

Instructor – Evolution and Ideology (University of Michigan, EEB 800) 2016

Instructor - Programming Primer (University of Michigan, EEB 800) 2014

Instructor - Computational Molecular Evolution (Sanger/Wellcome Trust Cambridge) 2013-2017

Instructor – High school teachers workshop on Genes and Genomes at University of Michigan 2014

Instructor – Bodega Bay Workshop in Applied Phylogenetics, Spring 2009

Instructor - NESCent Computational Phyloinformatics Course: Java Component, Summer 2007

Lecturer – MB&B 230 Rainforest Expedition and Laboratory: Phyloinformatics Workshop, Yale University, Yale University, Spring 2007 and Summer 2008

Teaching Assistant – Plant Diversity and Evolution, Yale University, 2004-2007

#### **Publications**

lab members in italics, 49 h-index and 16,642 total citations

(Several manuscripts in review, revision, or submitted can be made available on request.)

# Preprints

- ⊕ Figueroa, H.¹, H. Marx, M. B. de S. Cortez, C. Grady, N. J. Engle-Wrye, J. Beach, A. Stewart, R. Folk, D. Soltis, P. Soltis, S. A. Smith. in revision. Alpine, but not montane, seed plants constitute a biogeographically and climatically distinct species pool across the Americas. 10.22541/au.161969728.82703460/v1.
- ⊕ Walker, J. W., X. Shen, A. Rokas, S. A. Smith, and E. Moyround. in revision. Disentangling biological and analytical factors that give rise to outlier genes in phylogenomic matrices. https://doi.org/10.1101/2020.04.20.049999.
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- ⊕ Wang, N., E. L. Braun, B. Liang, J. Cracraft, and S. A. Smith. in review. Categorical edge-based analyses of phylogenomic data reveal conflicting signals for difficult relationships in the avian tree. https://doi.org/10.1101/2021.05.17.444565.

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- Walker, J. F., S. A. Smith, R. Hodel, and E. Moyroud. 2021. Concordance-Based Approaches
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- Keppel, G., D. Craven, P. Weigelt, S. A. Smith, M. T. van der Sande, B. Sandel, S. C. Levin, H. Kreft, and T. M. Knight. 2021. Synthesizing tree biodiversity data to understand global patterns and processes of vegetation. *Journal of Vegetation Science*. 32:e13021.

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- ⊕ Sandel, B., P. Weigelt, H. Kreft, G. Keppel, M. T van der Sande, S. Levin, S. A. Smith, D. Craven, and T. M. Knight. 2020. Current climate, isolation and history drive global patterns of tree phylogenetic endemism. *Global Ecology and Biogeography*. 29:4-15.
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## **Invited Presentations**

- S. A. Smith<sup>2</sup>. 2021. Gene tree discordance and innovation in plants. Duke University, Durham,
   North Carolina.
- S. A. Smith. 2021. Examining the Emergence of Innovation in Plants. Hope College, Holland, Michigan.
- S. A. Smith. 2020. The Emergence of Biological Complexity and Evolutionary Innovation in Plant Genomes. University of Texas, Austin, Texas.
- S. A. Smith. 2019. Computational Challenges to Reconstructing Evolution with Large Datasets.

  Super Computering 19. Boulder, Colorado.
- S. A. Smith. 2019. Constructing comprehensive phylogenies. Kew Gardens, England.
- S. A. Smith. 2018. New data sources inform new phylogenetic hypotheses. MICDE, Ann Arbor, MI.
- ⊕ S. A. Smith. 2017. Next generation phylogenetics: How computational methods and new data are changing evolutionary biology. University of Oregon, Eugene, OR.
- S. A. Smith. 2017. Phylogenetics, computational genomics, and the origin of biodiversity.

  University of Maryland, College Park, MD.
- S. A. Smith. 2016. Next generation sequencing, transcriptomics, and phylogenetics: a case
   study with the Caryophyllales. Madison, WI. International Conference on Quantitative Genetics.
- ⊕ S. A. Smith. 2016. Investigating macroevolution using transcriptomes: a story with cacti, carnations, and carnivores. University of California, Davis, CA.
- ⊕ Yang, Y., M. Moore, S. Brockington, and S. A. Smith. 2015. Phylotranscriptomics of the Caryophyllales: paleopolyploidy, gene tree discordance and evolution of genes associated with adaptive changes. Symposium on plant transcriptomics. Botany Conference, Edmonton, Canada.
- ⊕ Smith, S. A.\*, J. Brown, C. Hinchliff, and Ya Yang 2014. Invited speaker for Symposium on Phylogenetic comparative methods in plant sciences. Botany Conference (Snowbird, UT)
- Knowles, L.\*, S. A. Smith, and L. Kubatko. 2014. Phylogenomics and Next-generation Inferences: the Future of Phylogenetics in an Era of Big Data. Presidential Address for the Society for Systematic Biology. Evolution Conference (Raleigh, NC)
- ⊕ Smith, S. A.\* 2014. Invited speaker for Biology Department (Clark University, Massachusetts).
- Smith, S. A.\* 2014. Invited speaker for Biology Department (Wake Forest, Wake Forest, North Carolina).
- ⊕ Smith, S. A.\* 2013. Invited speaker for Neo4j graph database company.

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- Smith, S. A.\* 2013. Invited speaker for Biology Department (University of Arizona, Tuscon, Arizona).
- ⊕ Smith, S. A.\* 2013. Invited speaker for iBEST (University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho).
- Smith, S. A.\* 2013. Invited speaker for Biology Department (University of Florida, Gainseville, Florida).
- Smith, S. A.\* 2013. Invited speaker for Genetics, Bioinformatics, and Computational Biology
   Department (Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia).
- ⊕ Smith, S. A.\* 2012. Invited speaker for Biology Department (Oberlin College, Ohio).
- ⊕ Smith, S. A.\* 2012. Invited speaker for Seventh Annual Organismal Biology Day at the Smithsonian (Smithsonian Institute, Washington, D. C.).
- Smith, S. A.\* 2012. Invited speaker for Seventh Annual Organismal Biology Day at College Park (University of Maryland, College Park).
- ⊕ Smith, S. A.\* 2011. Invited speaker for LIFE SCIENCES COLLOQUIUM (Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts).
- ## Smith, S. A.\* 2011. Invited speaker for Biology 2011 (University of Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland).
- ⊕ Smith, S. A.\* 2011. Large scale phylogenetics and the exploration of evolutionary patterns. Invited speaker for the Dept. Plant Biology (MSU, Lansing, MI)
- ⊕ Smith, S. A.\* 2010. The challenges of large scale biogeographic analyses: examples in angiosperms. (SSB Symposium: The Future of Historical biogeography: Conceptual and methodological challenges, Evolution 2010, Portand, OR).
- Smith, S. A.\* 2009. Large-scale angiosperm phylogenies uncover broad evolutionary patterns.
   (A. Watson Armour Research Seminar Series, Field Museum, Chicago, IL).
- Smith, S. A.\* 2009. Large-scale angiosperm phylogenies uncover broad evolutionary patterns.
   (Seminar Series, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC).
- ⊕ Smith, S. A.\*, J. Beaulieu & M. J. Donoghue. 2009. Large-scale phylogenies uncover large-scale evolutionary patterns. (BSA Past-President's Symposium, Snowbird, UT).
- Smith, S. A.\* 2009. Mega-phylogeny: an alternative to supertree and supermatrix approaches.
   (Symposium on Advances in Tree Reconstruction from Complex Data Matrices, Evolution 2009, Moscow, ID)
- Smith, S. A.\* 2007. A novel method for estimating the rate of evolution of niches: an example from desert evening primroses (*Oenothera*, Sections *Anogra* and *Kleinia*). (Museum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris).
- ⊕ Ree, R. H.\* & S. A. Smith. 2007. Stochastic models of geographic range evolution and likelihood-based inference of ancestral ranges. Origin and Evolution of Biota in Mediterranean Climate Zones, (Zurich, Switzerland).
- Donoghue, M.J.\*, S. A. Smith, S. Carlson, & B. Moore. 2007. Phylogenetic Biogeography: Past, Present, and Future. Origin and Evolution of Biota in Mediterranean Climate Zones, (Zurich, Switzerland).
- ⊕ Ree, R. H.\*, M. J. Donoghue, B. R. Moore & S. A. Smith. 2005. Likelihood-based inference of historical biogeography. 52nd Annual Systematics Symposium, (Missouri Botanical Garden).
- Smith, S. A.\*, R. H. Ree, M. J. Donoghue & B. R. Moore. 2005. Computer Demonstration:
   Likelihood-based inference of historical biogeography. 52nd Annual Systematics Symposium,
   (Missouri Botanical Garden).
- ⊕ Smith, S. A.\* 2004. New methods for Biogeography. Sarah Lawrence College Science Seminar, (Sarah Lawrence College, NY).

⊕ Donoghue, M.J.\*, **S. A. Smith**, R. C. Winkworth, & R. Ree. 2004. Assembly of temperate deciduous forests of the Northern Hemisphere. *Plant phylogeny and the origin of major biomes*, Royal Society Scientific Discussion Meeting, (London, UK).

#### Contributed Presentations

- Abair, A., M. Sun, G. Godden, A. El-Banhawy, S. A. Smith, D. Soltis, and P. Soltis. 2021.
   Assembling and Dating a Near-Comprehensive Phylogeny of Lamiaceae: Strategies and Progress. Botany Conference. Online due to COVID. (other presentations on which I was co-author are not shown for brevity)
- Berv, J., S. Singhal, D. Field, A. Dornburg, N. Walker-Hale, C. Parins-Fukuchi, J. Ryan, E. Miller, E. Braun, R. Prum, M. Friedman, B. Winger, and S. A. Smith. 2021. Molecular early burst associated with the diversification of birds at the KPg boundary. Evolution Conference. Online due to COVID.
- de Souza Cortez, M. B., R. Folk, C. J. Grady, A. Stewart, J. Spoelhof, S. A. Smith, D. Soltis, and P. Soltis. 2020. Is the occurrence of ancient angiosperms associated with old, climatically stable and infertile landscapes in Brazil? Botany Conference. Online due to COVID. (3 other presentations on which I was co-author are not shown for brevity)
- Marx, H, C. Dick, and S. A. Smith. 2019. Evolutionary history of angiosperms across the Neotropics. Botany Conference, Tuscon AZ. (6 other presentations on which I was a coauthor are not shown for brevity)
- ⊕ J. Walker and S. A. Smith. 2019. Using gene tree conflict to infer and analyze support for contentious relationships. Evolution Conference, Providence RI. (3 other presentations on which I was a co-author are not shown for brevity)
- Smith, S. A., J. Walker, and J. Brown. 2018. Nested phylogenetic conflicts and deep phylogenomics in plants. Botany Conference, Rochester, MN. (7 other presentations on which I was a co-author are not shown for brevity).
- Smith, S. A. and J. Brown. 2017. A comprehensive view of the plant tree of life. Evolution Convference, Portland, OR.
- ⊕ Brown, J. and S. A. Smith. The Past Sure Is Tense: On Interpreting Phylogenetic Divergence Time Estimates. 2017. Evolution Convference, Portland, OR.
- ⊕ Wang, N., J. Brown, and S. A. Smith. 2017. The development of scientific consensus: analyzing conflict and concordance among Avian phylogenies Evolution Conference, Portland, OR.
- ## 2017. Walker, J., Y. Yang, M. J. Moore, S. F. Brockington, N. Wang, A. Timoneda, T. Feng, S. Ahluwalia, and S. A. Smith. Constructing phylogenies with hundreds of transcriptomes: a case study in Caryophyllales. Evolution Conference, Portland, OR.
- Knowles, L. L., H. Huang, J. Sukumaran, S. A. Smith. 2016. Interrogating transcriptomes to characterize the different causes of gene tree discord in empirical data. Evolution Conference, Austin, TX.
- ⊕ Walker, J., Yang, Y., and S. A. Smith. 2016. Influence of gene family evolution on phylogenomic analyses. Evolution Conference, Austin, TX.
- ⊕ Yang, Y., M. J. Moore, S. F. Brockington, and S. A. Smith. 2016. Functional and spatial heterogeneity of gene family evolution in non-model species: three strategies using the plant group Caryophyllales as an example. Evolution Conference, Austin, TX.
- Walker, J., Y. Yang, M. Moore, S. Brockington, and S. A. Smith. 2016. Gene family evolution
   in the carnivorous clade of Caryophyllales. Botany Conference, Savannah, GA.

- Diggle, P. K., B. C. O'Meara, S. D. Smith, S. Armbruster, L. Harder, C. Hardy, L. C. Hileman, L. Hufford, A. Litt, S. A. Smith, P. Stevens, S. Magallón, and C. Fenster 2016. Non-equilibrium dynamics and floral trait interactions shape extant angiosperm diversity. Botany Conference, Savannah, GA.
- Pease, J. C. Dick, D. Haak, M. Hahn, L. Moyle, M. Silman, S. A. Smith. 2016. Phylogenomics
   of rapid speciation and adaptation in Andean-Amazonian plant species. Botany Conference,
   Savannah, GA.
- Smith, S. A., M. Moore, Y. Yang, J. Pease, J. Walker. 2016. Transcriptome analyses for non-model plants: phylogenomics and more. Botany Conference, Savannah, GA.
- Sun, M., C. Germain-Aubrey, M. Gitzendanner, S. A. Smith, P. Soltis, Z. Chen, D. Soltis. 2016.
   Wrestling with the Rosids I: progress and challenges for phylogenetics of a large, hyper-diverse angiosperm clade. Botany Conference, Savannah, GA.
- Soltis, Douglas E; Sun, Miao; Germain-Aubrey, Charlotte; Smith, Stephen; Soltis, Pamela S.; Chen, Zhiduan; Folk, Ryan; Guralnick, Robert. 2016. Wrestling with the rosids II: too big to nail-challenges in conducting comprehensive analyses in the angiosperms. Botany Conference, Savannah, GA.
- Yang, Y., M. J. Moore, S. F. Brockington, and S. A. Smith. 2016. Functional and spatial heterogeneity of gene family evolution in non-model species: three strategies using the plant group Caryophyllales as an example. Botany Conference, Savannah, GA.
- Gazis, R., S. A. Smith, K. Cranston, J. Brown, J. Rees, and D. Hibbett. 2015. Fungi in the Open Tree of Life. Botany Conference, Edmonton, Canada.
- Smith, S. A., C. Parins-Fukuchi, and C. Dick. 2014. Biogeographic, molecular evolution, and diversification patterns in Neotropical plants. American Geophysical Union, San Francisco, CA
- ⊕ Yang, Y. and S. A. Smith. 2014. Using transcriptomes for functional phylogenomic studies: promises and pitfalls. Evolution Conference, Raleigh, NC.
- O'Meara, B., S. Smith, W. Ambruster, L. Harder, C. Hardy, L. Hileman, L. Hufford, A. Litt, S. Magallon, S. A. Smith, P. Stevens, C. Fenster, and C. Diggle. 2014. Non equilibrium dynamics lead to long-term persistence of ancestral floral forms in modern angiosperms. Evolution Conference, Raleigh, NC.
- Ryan, J., C. Schnitzler, E. Maxwell, K. Pang, W. Francis, S. A. Smith, T. Wolfsberg, J. Mulikin, S. Haddock, C. Dunn, M. Martindale, and A. Baxevanis. 2014. The genome of ctenophore Mnemiopsis leidyi: bringing resolution to the phylogenetic position of the ctenophores. Evolution Conference, Raleigh, NC.
  - Hinchliff, C., D. Soltis, B. Drew, and S. A. Smith. 2014. Evolutionary patterns and processes of epiphytism in vascular plants. Botany Conference, Snowbird, UT
- Moore, M., V. Mandala, N. Douglas, Y. Yang, G. Stull, S. Brockington, S. A. Smith, P. Soltis, and D. Soltis. 2014. From cacti to carnivores: Clarifying the backbone relationships of Caryophyllales using NGS data. Botany Conference, Snowbird, UT
- Brockington, S., Y. Yang, M. Moore, and S. A. Smith. 2014. From cacti to carnivores: using transcripomics to explore the evolution of the highly diverse and globally distributed Caryophyllales. Botany Conference, Snowbird, UT
- Drew, B., C. Hinchliff, S. A. Smith, and D. Soltis. 2014. Green plants and the open tree of life. Botany Conference, Snowbird, UT
- Yang, Y., M. Moore, S. Brockington, and S. A. Smith. 2014. Using transcriptomes for functional phylogenomic studies: an example from the Caryophyllales. Botany Conference, Snowbird, UT

- ⊕ Yang, Y., M.J. Moore, and S. A. Smith. 2013. Dissecting heterogeneity in rates of molecular evolution in Caryophyllales using RNA-seq data. Society for Molecular Biology and Evolution, Chicago, IL.
- Smith, S. A., J. W. Brown, and C. Hinchliff. 2013. Analyzing and synthesizing the tree of life
   with graphs. Evolution, Snowbird, UT.
- ⊕ Beaulieu, J.\*, **S. A. Smith** & M. J. Donoghue. 2009. (Moscow, ID) Angiosperm Radiations Aren't Where We Thought They Were, But They're Close.
- ⊕ Smith, S. A.\*, M. Evans, R. Flynn & M. J. Donoghue. 2007. (Chicago, IL) Rates of climatic niche evolution in *Oenothera* sect. *Anogra* and *Kleinia* (Onagraceae).
- ⊕ Cellinese, N.\*, S. A. Smith, E. Edwards, S. Kim, & M. J. Donoghue. 2007. (Chicago, IL) Dating the Campanulaceae: implications for the biogeography of Cretan campanulas.
- ⊕ Ree, R. H.\* & S. A. Smith. 2007. (Chicago, IL) Likelihood models for inferring the evolution of geographic ranges on phylogenetic trees.
- ⊕ Ree, R. H.\* & S. A. Smith. 2007. (Christchurch, NZ) Maximum-likelihood inference of geographic range evolution.
- ⊕ Smith, S. A..\* 2005. (Austin, TX) Likelihood methods for inference of geographic ranges.
- Smith, S. A..\*, M. J. Donoghue, R. Beaman. 2004. (Snowbird, UT) Comparison of predictive distribution modeling in a Viburnum species complex from Mexico and Central America. (poster)

## Current Scientific Software

(see github.com/blackrim for a more comprehensive list)

- ⊕ gophy general phylogenetic library written in Go that forms the foundation for several additional projects within the lab for detecting heterogeneity in phenotype and molecular datasets github.com/FePhyFoFum/gophy
- ⊕ PyPHLAWD (pronounced flawd) allows for the creation of large (mega) phylogenies using NCBI databases github.com/FePhyFoFum/pyphlawd
- $\oplus$  treemachine Software for synthesizing phylogenies with millions of tips. (in collaboration with OpenTreeOfLife) github.com/OpenTreeofLife/treemachine
- $\begin{tabular}{ll} \hline $\oplus$ $\it taxomachine-$ Software for combining taxonomies from different sources. (in collaboration with OpenTreeOfLife)-github.com/OpenTreeofLife/taxomachine \\ \hline \end{tabular}$
- $\oplus$  treePL Divergence time estimation for large phylogenies (in collaboration with Brian O'Meara) github.com/blackrim/treePL
- ⊕ lagrange − Biogeographic likelihood reconstruction and stochastic mapping (in collaboration with Richard Ree) code.google.com/p/lagrange
- ⊕ phyx Phylogenetic utilities and analyses https://github.com/FePhyFoFum/phyx
- ## phyutility Phylogenetic utilities and analyses code.google.com/p/phyutility (over 1600 users)

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- $\oplus$  NSF DEB (2021-2023) #2106070, \$ 314,399) Co PI Collaborative Research: BEE: Bridging the ecology and evolution of East African Acacias across time and space: genomics, ecosystem, and diversification
- $\oplus$  NSF DEB (2020-2022) #1939226, \$ 304,654) Co PI NSFDEB-NERC: Collaborative Research: A phytochemical "tug-of-war" and its impact on organismal diversification and niche occupancy in Caryophyllales

- $\oplus$  NSF DEB (2019-2022, #1917146 , \$709,463) PI Collaborative Research: Temperate radiations and tropical dominance: the diversification and evolution of the plant clade Ericales
- $\oplus$  NSF DBI (2019-2022 , \$419,786) Co~PI CIBR: Collaborative Research: Integrating data communities with BiotaPhy: a computational platform for data-intensive biodiversity research and training
- $\oplus$  UMICH MICDE (2019-2021, \$60,000) PI Hierarchical computing for dynamic evolutionary inference of complexity
- $\oplus$  NSF ABI (2015-2018, #1458466, \$294,514) Co PI Connecting resources to enable large-scale biodiversity analyses.
- $\oplus$  NSF DEB (2014-2018, #1354048, \$590,000) PI From Cacti to Carnivores, Transcriptomics of Caryophyllales
- $\oplus$  NSF FESD (2015-2018, #1338694 \$672,000) Co PI The Dynamics of Mountains, Landscapes and Climate in the Distribution and Generation of Biodiversity of the Amazon/Andean Forest
- $\oplus$  NSF AVATOL (2013-2017, #1207915, \$1,198,401) Co PI Assembling, Visualizing, and Analyzing the Tree of Life (2012-2017)
- ⊕ University of Michigan (2015, \$15,000) − Co PI − Transcriptomics of non-model organisms.

## Other Funded/Synergistic Activities

- $\oplus$  Assembly of Regional Biotas Group (2018-current) Co-PI Disentangling the effects of ecological clade sorting and adaptive diversification to the assembly of regional biotas.
- ⊕ Mimulus JGI Genome Project (2020-current) Member JGI project for high density sequencing of genomes and transcriptomes within the plant clade Mimulus.
- ⊕ Phylosynth Plant Working Group (2017-current) Collaborator International collaboration to construct a continuously updating plant phylogeny.
- ⊕ 10KP Plant Genome Project (2018-current) Co-PI International project with the goal of sequencing 10,000 plant genomes.
- ⊕ PAFTOL (2018-current) Collaborator Plant and fungi tree of life project with the Royal Botanical Garden and Kew Gardens.
- BIEN (2016-2019) Collaborator Botanical Information and Ecological Network.
- $\oplus$  Fungal Phylogeny Working Group (2018-2019) *Collaborator* Aims to construct a species level phylogeny for fungi.
- $\oplus$  Global Tree Synthesis (2017-2018) *Member* Group with the aim of analyzing all woody tree species.
- ⊕ iPlant Collaborative (2010-2015) Member Assembling the Tree of Life to Enable the Plant Sciences.
- ⊕ Tree of Life (2012) Member Angiosperms
- $\oplus$  NESCent (2010-2013) Co PI for Working group on Phylogenetics and biogeographic evolution of C4 grasses (with Erika Edwards)
- ⊕ NESCent (2011) Member Evolution of C4 grasses catalysis meeting
- ⊕ NESCent (2008-2011) Collaborator Floral Evolution Working Group
- NESCent (2007-2010) Member Northern Hemisphere Phytogeography Working Group
- $\oplus$  NESCent (2007-2009) *Member* Developing an Integrative Algorithmic Method for Historical Biogeography
- ⊕ CIPRES (2007-2008) Graduate Student Cyberinfrastructure for Phylogenetic Research

#### Service

- ⊕ Associate Chair for Undergraduate Education (2018-current) Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology
- Committee Service at UM Museums Education Committee (current), Museums Advisory Committee (current), Museums Digital Collections Committee (current), EEB Undergraduate Affairs Committee (current), EEB Admissions Committee (2018-19), EEB Executive Committee, LSA Race & Ethnicity Committee, LSA Nominating Committee, LSA Faculty IT Committee
- ⊕ Associate Editor (2018-current) Systematic Biology journal, Society for Systematic Biology
- ⊕ Guest Editor (2017) American Journal of Botany, Tree of Life issue 2017
- ⊕ Panelist National Science Foundation (NSF)
- ⊕ Advisory National Science Foundation (NSF)
- ⊕ Workshop Organizer − Transcriptome analyses for non-model plants: phylogenomics and more, Botany 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019
- Workshop Organizer Phylogenomics and non-model organisms, Evolution 2015
- $\oplus$  Mentor Google Summer of Code, student Chanda Phelan, 2013, student Nick Matzke, 2009
- ⊕ Reviewer Science, PLoS Biology, BMC Evolutionary Biology, National Science Foundation (NSF), Systematic Biology, Molecular Phylogenetics and Evolution, Molecular Biology and Evolution, Systematic Botany, Functional Ecology, New Phytologist, and Bioinformatics.
- Organizer Bayesian Invasion, Bayesian Phylogenetics Conference (with B. Moore), 2006

#### Honors and Awards

- ⊕ Scientist to Watch, "The Botanist Hacker" in the magazine The Scientist March, 2010 link to article
- John Spangler Nicholas prize for outstanding doctoral candidate at Yale University, 2009
- NSF Postdoctoral Research Fellowship in Biology, 2008 (declined; accepted NESCent fellowship)
- The Edward Cogan Prize for Mathematics and Science, Sarah Lawrence College, 2003
- ## Young Botanist of the Year, Certificate of Special Achievement, Botanical Society of America, 2003
- NSF REU Fellowship, Univ. of VA, 2002

# Collaborations

## Graduate Advisors and Postdoctoral Sponsors

Graduate advisor: Michael J. Donoghue (Yale)

Postdoctoral sponsors: Casey Dunn (Brown); Todd Vision (Univ of NC)

#### Lab personnel

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# **Professional Societies**

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