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Education

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| 2018–Present | Ph.D. | Evolution, Ecology, and Organismal Biology (EEOB) Presidential Fellowship Awardee Advisor: Dr. Laura Kubatko | The Ohio State University |
| 2013–2015 | M.Sc. | Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (EEB) Advisor: Dr. Robert Murphy | University of Toronto |
| 2006–2012 | B.Sc. | Ecology and Evolutionary Biology and Zoology Advisors: Drs. Deborah McLennan and Robert Murphy | University of Toronto |

Publications

Manuscripts in Progress

*Co-first authorship

7. Nguyen HQ, Ho P-T, **Kong S**, Jang Y. (In Preparation) Mitochondrial phylogenomics suggests *Hyalessa fuscata* not a synonym of *Hyalessa maculaticollis* (Hemiptera: Cicadidae).
6. Glon H, Häussermann V, **Kong S**, Brewin P, Brickle P, and Daly M. (In Preparation) The influence of deep historic and recent anthropogenic activities on the globalization of the plumose sea anemone, *Metridium senile*.
5. **Kong S**, Sánchez-Pacheco SJ, and Murphy RW. (In Preparation) Topological incongruence between median-joining networks and Bayesian inference phylogenies.
4. Peng J, **Kong S** and Kubatko LS. (In Preparation) A likelihood ratio test for hybridization under the multispecies coalescent.
3. Fu M, **Kong S**, Lamichhaney S, Eimes JA, and Waldman B. (In Preparation) Adaptation of amphibian major histocompatibility genes to an emerging infectious disease.
2. Nguyen HQ, Kim E, Bae Y, Char S, Ji S, Heo J, **Kong S**, Nguyen TK, Pham TH, and Jang Y. (In Review) An effective method for accurate life-stage delimitation of cicadas.
1. **Kong S***, Pons JC*, Kubatko LS, and Wicke K. (In Review) Classes of phylogenetic networks and their mathematical and biological significance. *Preprint available on arXiv (<https://arxiv.org/abs/2109.10251>)*

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

‡Co-correspondence; †Equal contribution

11. Glon MG, Broe MB, Crandall KA, Daly M, **Kong S**, Thoma RF, and Freudenstein JV. (2022) Anchored hybrid enrichment resolves the *Lacunicambarus* (Decapoda: Cambaridae) phylogeny. *Journal of Crustacean Biology* doi: 10.1093/jcbiol/ruab073
10. **Kong S** and Kubatko LS. (2021) Comparative performance of popular methods for hybrid detection using genomic data. *Systematic Biology* 70:5 891–907 doi: 10.1093/sysbio/syaa092
9. Sánchez-Pacheco SJ‡, **Kong S**†, Pulido-Santacruz P, Murphy RW, and Kubatko L. (2020) Median-joining network analysis of SARS-CoV-2 genomes is neither phylogenetic nor evolutionary. *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A* 117:23 12518–12519 doi: 10.1073/pnas.2007062117
 - In the 99th percentile of all research outputs tracked by Altmetric
 - Scoring higher Altmetric Attention Score than 98% of all research outputs of similar age
8. Kim M, Nguyen HQ, Yi Y, Ahn J, Kim YE, Jang S, Kim S, **Kong S**, and Borzée A. (2020) Policy recommendation on whaling, trade and watching of cetaceans in the Republic of Korea. *Biodiversity Journal* 11: 255–258 doi: <https://doi.org/10.31396/Biodiv.Jour.2020.11.1.255.258>
7. Weiringa JG, Boot MR, Dantas-Queiroz MV, Duckett D, Fonseca EM, Glon H, Hamilton N, **Kong S**, Lanna FM, Mattingly KZ, Parsons DJ, Smith ML, Stone BW, Thompson C, Zuo L, and Carstens BC. (2020) Does habitat stability structure intraspecific genetic diversity? It's complicated... *Frontiers in Biogeography* e45377 doi:10.21425/F5FBG45377
6. Borzée A, Purevdorj Z, Kim YI, **Kong S**, Choe M, Yi Y, Kim K, Kim A, and Jang Y. (2020) Breeding preferences in the Treefrogs *Dryophytes japonicus* (Hylidae) in Mongolia, the northern limit of their range. *Journal of Natural History* 53: 2685–2698 doi:10.1080/00222933.2019.1704458
5. Groffen J, **Kong S**, Jang Y, and Borzée A. (2019) The invasive American bullfrog (*Lithobates catesbeianus*) in the Republic of Korea: history and recommendation for population control. *Management of Biological Invasions* 10:3 517–535 doi: 10.3391/mbi.2019.10.3.08
4. Bae Y, **Kong S**, Yi Y, Jang Y, and Borzée A. (2019) Additional new type of threat to *Hynobius* salamander eggs: predation by loaches (*Misgurnus* sp.) in agricultural wetlands. *Animal Biology* 69:4 451–461 doi: 10.1163/15707563-20191070
3. Borzée A, **Kong S**, Didinger C, Nguyen HQ, and Jang Y. (2018) A ring-species or a ring of species? Phylogenetic relationship between two treefrog species around the Yellow Sea: *Dryophytes suweonensis* and *D. immaculatus*. *The Herpetological Journal* 28: 160–170
2. Kim K, **Kong S**, Kim YI, Borzée A, Bae Y, and Jang Y. (2018) Japanese hard ticks (*Ixodes nipponensis*) parasitizing on the endangered leopard cat (*Prionailurus bengalensis euptilura*) in the Republic of Korea. *Animal Systematics, Evolution and Diversity* 34:1 23–26 doi: 10.5635/ASED.2018.34.1.032
1. **Kong S**†, Sánchez-Pacheco S†, and Murphy RW. (2016) On the use of Median-Joining Networks in evolutionary biology. *Cladistics* 32: 691–699 doi: 10.1111/cla.12147

Policy Recommendations

1. Borzée A, Nguyen HQ, Ahn J, Kim M, Kim S, Jang S, **Kong S**, Kim YE, and Yi Y. (2017) Policy recommendation on the negative impact of infrastructure development on the population of endangered Long-Tailed Goral in Oseck-Kkeutchoong. *Society for Conservation Biology Korean Chapter*

Other Writings for a Popular Audience

2. **Kong S** (2019) The giving tree: how the branching pattern of a tree is used in evolutionary biology.
Available on
<http://eeobcourseblogwolffestudents.blogspot.com/2019/11/the-giving-tree-how-branching-pattern.html>
1. **Kong S** and Fonseca EM. (2019) So far and yet so similar: Convergent evolution in helicopter damselflies.
Available on <https://minglabaaa.github.io/posts/2019/01/blog-post-1/>

Presentations

Invited Talks

- 2021 **Kong S** and Kubatko L. “Comparative performance of popular methods for hybrid detection using genomic data” Annual Conference of the Korean Association of Biological Sciences, Ewha Womans University, South Korea, virtual (Selected among participants)
- 2021 **Kong S** and Kubatko L. “Comparative performance of popular methods for hybrid detection using genomic data” Workshop in Mathematical and Computational Biology, virtual (Selected among 206 participants)
- 2021 **Kong S** “How my gap year changed my perspectives” Misericordia University, PA., USA, virtual
- 2021 **Kong S** “High performance computing environment at the Ohio State University” EEOB Recruitment Speed Talk, The Ohio State University, OH., USA, virtual
- 2019 **Kong S** “Phylogenetic networks and behavioral evolution of Primates” The Stone Laboratory, Gibraltar Island, OH., USA
- 2016 **Kong S** and Murphy RW. “On the use of Median-Joining network” Ewha Womans University Eco-science/Eco-creative Graduate Seminar, Seoul, South Korea
- 2013 **Kong S** and McLennan DA. “The evolution of infanticide and male takeover in primates in a macro-evolutionary framework” Laboratory of Behavior and Ecology Weekly Seminar, Ewha Womans’ University, Seoul, South Korea

Regular Talks

- 2021 **Kong S** and Kubatko L. “Comparative performance of popular methods for hybrid detection using genomic data” Evolution Meeting, virtual
- 2021 **Kong S** and Kubatko L. “Comparative performance of popular methods for hybrid detection using genomic data” EEOB Annual Darwin Series, The Ohio State University, OH., USA, virtual
- 2020 **Kong S** “Which tool to use to detect hybridization?” Evolution & Ecology (E&E) Club, The Ohio State University, OH., USA
- 2020 **Kong S** and Kubatko L. “Comparison and evaluation on the accuracy of popular hybrid detection methods using simulated data” Society of Systematic Biologists (SSB) Standalone Meeting, Gainesville, FL., USA
- 2019 **Kong S** “The giving tree: how the branching pattern of a tree is used in evolutionary biology” E&E Club, The Ohio State University, OH., USA
- 2017 **Kong S** “Illustrating hybridization” Animal Communication Symposium, Ewha Womans University, Seoul, South Korea

Posters

- 2019 **Kong S** and Murphy RW. “Performance and accuracy of Median-Joining Networks and comparisons with Bayesian phylogenies” Evolution Meeting, Providence, RI., USA
- 2019 **Kong S** “My first year of Ph.D. experience at The Ohio State University” EEOB Recruitment Weekend, The Ohio State University, OH., USA
- 2017 **Kong S** and Murphy RW. “Performance and accuracy of Median-Joining Networks and comparisons with Bayesian phylogenies” Annual Conference of the Korean Association of Biological Sciences, Yong-In, South Korea
- 2014 **Kong S**, Lathrop A, and Murphy RW. “Matrilineal relationships of green pitvipers with the description of a new species of the genus *Trimeresurus* (Squamata: Viperidae: Crotalinae) from the central highlands of Vietnam” Korean-American Scientists and Engineers Association Young Generation Technical and Leadership Conference, Houston, TX., USA
- 2012 **Kong S** and McLennan DA. “The evolution of infanticide and male takeover in primates in a macro-evolutionary framework” University of Toronto EEB Undergraduate Research Fair, Toronto, ON., Canada

Contributed Presentations

[†]Presenter

- 2021 Kubatko L[†], Peng J, and **Kong S**. “A composite likelihood approach to inferring phylogenetic networks from genomic data” Poster, Joint Statistical Meetings, virtual
- 2021 Peng J[†], **Kong S**, and Kubatko L. “A likelihood ratio test for hybridization under the multispecies coalescent” Faux-live talk, Evolution Meeting, virtual
- 2018 Kim YI[†], **Kong S**, Ha J, Borzée A, and Jang Y. “Thermal tolerance variations in anuran larvae along a latitudinal gradient” Talk, Ecological Society of American Annual meeting, New Orleans, LA., USA
- 2012 Davies E[†], Eckenwalder J and He W. “Trees of the temperate broadleaf forest biome” Canadian urban forest conference, London, Ontario, Canada, Poster preparation
- 2012 Davies E[†]. “Native vs. Non native trees” Biodiversity & Human Health Credit Valley Conservation Stewardship Forum, Powerpoint preparation

Additional Academic Experiences

Academic Service

- 2019–Present **Journal reviewer for:** *Systematic Biology*; *Genome Biology and Evolution*; *Frontiers of Biogeography*; *Infection*, *Genetics and Evolution*;
- 2015–Present **Society Memberships:** Society of Systematic Biologists, Society for Study of Evolution (SSE), The Ecological Society of Korea
- 2020–2021 **Graduate Studies Committee** Department of EEOB, The Ohio State University, OH., USA
- 2019–2020 **Admissions Committee** Department of EEOB, The Ohio State University, OH., USA
- 2016–2017 **Communication Officer** Society for Conservation Biology (SCB), Korean Chapter

Work Experience

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| 2018–Present | Graduate Associate The Ohio State University, OH., USA |
| 2016–2017 | Researcher Ewha Womans University, Division of Eco-science, Seoul, South Korea |
| 2013–2015 | Graduate Associate University of Toronto, ON., Canada |
| 2011–2013 | Biodiversity Technician Faculty of Forestry, University of Toronto, ON., Canada |
| 2011 | Work-Study Student Faculty of Forestry, University of Toronto, ON., Canada |

Laboratory Experience

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| 2013 | Ewha Womans University, Division of Eco-science with Dr. Jae Chun Choe, Seoul, South Korea |
| 2012 | Centre for Biodiversity and Conservation Biology, Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto, ON., Canada |
| 2011–2012 | McLennan Laboratory, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON., Canada |

Fieldwork Experience

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| 2017 | Field expeditions to South Korea, Mongolia, and China (Resulted in publications #4, 5, and 6) |
| 2016 | Field expeditions to Indonesia, Laos, and South Korea (Resulted in publication #2) |
| 2011–2013 | Fieldwork in Greater Toronto Area (GTA), Urban Biodiversity and Forestry Laboratory, University of Toronto, Canada |
| 2010 | Fieldwork in GTA, Cities Centre, University of Toronto, Canada |

Undergraduate Students Advising

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| 2020 Summer | Shelby Jansens and Kimberly Wiles, co-advised with Dr. Laura Kubatko, Mathematical Biosciences Institute Research Experiences for Undergraduates program. “Detecting shifts in the evolutionary process in SARS-CoV-2 genomes” |
| 2014–2015 | Tulio Soares and Ellen Southam, co-advised with Dr. Pedro Bernardo, University of Toronto and Royal Ontario Museum |
| 2014 Summer | Shreeram Senthivasan, co-advised with Drs. Pedro Bernardo, Santiago Sánchez-Pacheco, and Robert Murphy, University of Toronto and Royal Ontario Museum |

Conference/Workshop Participation

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| 2021 | Annual Conference of the Korean Association of Biological Sciences, Ewha Womans University, South Korea, virtual |
| 2021 | iEvoBio, Evolution Meeting, virtual |
| 2021 | Chair/Moderator in multiple Faux-Live Sessions, Evolution Meeting, virtual |
| 2021 | Workshop in Mathematical and Computational Biology, virtual |
| 2021 | SMRT Leiden 2021 – Young Investigator Virtual Conference, hosted by Pacific Biosciences and Leiden University Medical Center, virtual |
| 2021 | Preparing Future Faculty Zoom Workshop, Workshop #1: From Graduate School to Full Professor: The Road Less Traveled, The Ohio State University, virtual |
| 2021 | Virtual Asilomar 2021, American Society of Naturalists, virtual |
| 2020 | Future of Systematics Workshop, SSB Meeting, funded by NSF, hosted by Dr. Emily Sessa, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL., USA |
| 2020 | SSB Standalone Meeting, Gainesville, FL., USA |
| 2019 | Evolution Meeting, Providence, RI., USA |

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| 2019 | Midwest Phylogenetics Workshop, Itasca Biological Station, funded by NSF, hosted by Dr. Emma Goldberg, University of Minnesota, MN., USA |
| 2017 | Annual Conference of the Korean Association of Biological Sciences, Yong-In, South Korea |
| 2017 | SCB Asia Section Workshop on Conservation policy, funded by SCB, Bangkok, Thailand |
| 2016 | World Congress of Herpetology, Hangzhou and Tonglu, China |
| 2015 | Phylogenomics Symposium and Software School, funded by NSF, hosted by Dr. Tandy Warnow, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI., USA |
| 2015 | SSB Standalone Meeting, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI., USA |

Diversity and Inclusion Activities

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| 2021 | Moderator International Mixer, Evolution Meeting, virtual |
| 2021 | Moderator Decolonizing Evolution Workshop, Evolution Meeting, virtual |
| 2021 | Transformative Justice within Academia: A radical institutional reflection, The Centre for Criminology and Sociolegal Studies Graduate Student Conference, University of Toronto, virtual |
| 2020 | Moderator Strategies for Responding to Harassment and Bullying: Improving Workplace Climate, Evolution Community Resources for Early Career Researchers 2020 (ECR ²), virtual |
| 2020 | Moderator Fireside ECR Chat, ECR ² , virtual |

Outreach

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| 2021–Present | Mentor Woodsworth Mentorship Program, University of Toronto, Canada Mentee: Alanna Kong, University of Toronto (2021-2022) |
| 2019–Present | Mentor Department of EEOB Graduate Mentoring, The Ohio State University, OH., USA Mentee: McKenna Molnar, The Ohio State University (2020-2021) |
| 2020–Present | Mentor Graduate Student Mentorship Initiative Mentor, Científico Latino Mentee: Devansh Pandey (2021-2022) |
| 2020 | Invited Panelist EEOB 8894: EEOB Graduate Seminar, The Ohio State University, virtual |
| 2020 | Invited Guest Translational Data Analytics Institute Kickoff Event, College of Arts and Sciences, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH., USA |
| 2019 | Volunteer Museum of Biological Diversity’s Open House, The Ohio State University, OH., USA |
| 2016 | Volunteer Biologist Kuang Si Butterfly Park, Ban Thapene, Luang Prabang District, Laos |

Skills

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| Programming | UNIX, R, Python, Julia |
| Typesetting | L ^A T _E X and Overleaf, R Markdown, Jupyter Notebook |
| OS | Mac OS X, Microsoft Windows |
| Others | Geneious Prime, Adobe Illustrator, Microsoft Offices, iWorks, iMovie |
| Languages | Korean (Native), English (Fluent), Japanese (Intermediate) |

Grants and Awards

All in US Dollars unless stated. (†Canadian Dollar); ‡Approximately converted from South Korean Won

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| 2022 | Council of Graduate Students Career Development Grant, The Ohio State University | \$350 |
| 2022 | The Presidential Fellowship, The Ohio State University | \$36,500 |
| 2021 | SSB Ad Hoc Funds | \$3,000 |
| 2021 | EEOB Darwin Talk Society Membership Grant, The Ohio State University | \$70 |
| 2021 | EEOB Graduate Development Grant, The Ohio State University | Funded |
| 2020 | SSE Graduate Research Excellence Grant – R.C. Lewontin Award competition | \$1,800 |
| 2020 | Funding for participation in Future of Systematics Workshop, SSB Standalone Meeting (NSF) | \$500 |
| 2019 | Funding for participation in Midwest Phylogenetics Workshop (NSF) | Funded |
| 2019 | EEOB Graduate Development Grant, The Ohio State University | Funded |
| 2017 | Major contribution to successful grant application to National Research Foundation of Korea (2-2017-0410-001-1) PI: Dr. Yikweon Jang, Ewha Womans University, Seoul, South Korea | ‡\$500,000 |
| 2013–2015 | University of Toronto Graduate Fellowship | Funded |
| 2014 | E.M. Walker Graduate Award in Biodiversity, University of Toronto | †\$2,615 |
| 2010–2012 | University of Toronto Undergraduate Bursaries | †≈\$3,000 |

Teaching Experiences

Teaching Assistantship

The Ohio State University

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| 2021 Fall | <i>EEOB 3310</i> Evolution |
| 2021 Summer | <i>EEOB 2520</i> Human Physiology |
| 2021 Spring | <i>EEOB 3310</i> Evolution |
| 2020 Fall | <i>EEOB 3310</i> Evolution |
| 2020 Summer | <i>EEOB 3310</i> Evolution |
| 2020 Spring | <i>EEOB 3310</i> Evolution |
| 2019 Fall | <i>EEOB 3310</i> Evolution |
| 2019 Summer | <i>EEOB 1930</i> Introduction to Biological Studies–Aquatic Biology |
| 2019 Spring | <i>EEOB 3310</i> Evolution |
| 2018 Fall | <i>BIOL 1113</i> Energy Transformation and Development |

University of Toronto

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| 2015 Summer | <i>BIO 120</i> Adaptation and Biodiversity |
| 2015 Spring | <i>BIO 220</i> From Genomics to Ecosystems in a Changing World |
| 2014 Fall | <i>EEB 362</i> Macroevolution |
| 2014 Summer | <i>BIO 120</i> Adaptation and Biodiversity |
| 2014 Spring | <i>EEB 386</i> Avian Biology |
| 2013 Fall | <i>BIO 120</i> Adaptation and Biodiversity |

Miscellaneous

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| 2016 Spring | Daruma Eco-Farm, Bang Phra, Si Racha District, Chon Buri, Thailand |
| 2009 Summer | Cheong-Shim International English Camp, Ga-Pyeong, South Korea |

References

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