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Education

2018–Present	Ph.D.	Evolution, Ecology, and Organismal Biology (EEOB) 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

6. Glon MG, Broe MB, Crandall KA, Daly M, **Kong S**, Thoma RF, and Freudenstein JV. (In preparation) Anchored Hybrid Enrichment Resolves the *Lacunicambarus* (Decapoda: Cambaridae) Phylogeny.
5. 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*.
4. **Kong S**, Sánchez-Pacheco SJ, and Murphy RW. (In preparation) Topological Incongruence between Median-Joining Networks and Bayesian Inference Phylogenies.
3. **Kong S**, Wicke K, Kubatko LS, and Pons JC. (In preparation) Classes of Phylogenetic Networks and their Mathematical and Biological Significance.
2. Peng J, **Kong S** and Kubatko LS. (In preparation) A Likelihood Ratio Test for Hybridization Under the Multispecies Coalescent.
1. Fu M, **Kong S**, Lamichhaney S, Eimes JA, and Waldman B. (In preparation) Adaptation of amphibian major histocompatibility genes to an emerging infectious disease.

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

[‡]Co-correspondence; [†]Equal contribution

10. **Kong S** and Kubatko LS. (2021) Comparative performance of popular methods for hybrid detection using genomic data. *Systematic Biology* 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* 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**, Didingen 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-Kkeutchong. *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://eeobcourseblogwolfestudents.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 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*; *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

- 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

- 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

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 Fieldworks in Greater Toronto Area (GTA), Urban Biodiversity and Forestry Laboratory, University of Toronto, Canada
2010 Fieldworks in GTA, Cities Centre, University of Toronto, Canada

Students Advising

‡Undergraduate

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

2021 iEvoBio, Evolution Meeting, virtual
2021 **Chair/Moderator** in multiple Faux-Live Sessions, Evolution Meeting, virtual
2021 **Moderator** International Mixer, Evolution Meeting, virtual
2021 **Moderator** Decolonizing Evolution Workshop, 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 Transformative Justice within Academia: A radical institutional reflection, The Centre for Criminology and Sociolegal Studies Graduate Student Conference, University of Toronto, 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 **Moderator** Strategies for Responding to Harassment and Bullying: Improving Workplace Climate, Evolution Community Resources for Early Career Researchers 2020 (ECR²), virtual
2020 **Moderator** Fireside ECR Chat, ECR², 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
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

Outreach

2019–Present **Mentor** Department of EEOB Graduate Mentoring, The Ohio State University, OH., USA
(Mentee: McKenna Molnar (2020-2021))
2020–Present **Mentor** Graduate Student Mentorship Initiative Mentor, Científico Latino
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

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

Grants and Awards

2021 EEOB Darwin Talk Society Membership Grant, The Ohio State University
2021 EEOB Graduate Development Grant, The Ohio State University
2020 SSE Graduate Research Excellence Grant – R.C. Lewontin Award competition
2020 NSF Grant for participation in Future of Systematics Workshop, SSB Standalone Meeting
2019 NSF Grant for participation in Midwest Phylogenetics Workshop
2019 EEOB Graduate Development Grant, The Ohio State University
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
2013–2015 University of Toronto Graduate Fellowship
2014 E.M. Walker Graduate Award in Biodiversity, University of Toronto
2010–2012 University of Toronto Undergraduate Bursaries

Teaching Experiences

Teaching Assistantship

The Ohio State University

2021 Summer *EEOB 2520* Human Physiology
2021 Spring *EEOB 3310* Evolution
2020 Fall *EEOB 3310* Evolution

2020 Summer *EEOB 3310* Evolution
 2020 Spring *EEOB 3310* Evolution
 2019 Fall *EEOB 3310* Evolution
 2019 Summer *EEOB 1930* Introduction to Biological Studies–Aquatic Biology
 2019 Spring *EEOB 3310* Evolution
 2018 Fall *BIOL 1113* Energy Transformation and Development

University of Toronto

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

Miscellaneous

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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