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Cali Wilson

PhD Candidate

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SKILLS

Languages R (proficient), Python & SQL(familiar)

Tools Git\Github, tidyverse, R Markdown, Pandas, NumPy, Matplotlib, Jupyter Notebook, MTFX

Research Skills Mathematical Modeling (ODE Modeling for Infectious Diseases), Statistical Modeling including Linear

and Mixed-effect Hierarchical Modeling, Spatial Analysis, Data Visualization, Network Modeling, Principal

Component Analysis (PCA), Basic Machine Learning Algorithms

TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant / Wildlife Behavior, Urbanization, and Disease Odum School of Ecology, University of Georgia

June 2018 — Present

Athens, GA

- Managed multiple research projects in cross-functional teams involving data processing and analysis and communicated findings via scientific writing and external presentation.
- Built a series of linear mixed effect models to understand how different aspects of bird activity and contact behaviors from observational studies are influenced by site traits across a gradient of urbanization.
- Developed epidemiological models to explore how heterogeneity in animal personality influences outbreak potential in a wildlife system.
- Conducted numerous projects in courses including: 1) modeling spatial heterogeneity in host abundance and pathogen prevalence using a deer and virus system, 2) building and analyzing social networks of giraffe mobility data, and 3) building a model of SARS-CoV-2 to explore whether antibody-assisted vaccination decreases time to herd immunity at a local and national scale.

Undergraduate Research Assistant / Bat Immunology and Disease

June 2014 — May 2018

Lewisburg, PA

• Conducted research on White Nose Syndrome in North American bats and bloodborne parasite infection in African fruit bats using field, lab, and computational approaches.

EDUCATION

Bucknell University

Doctor of Philosophy in Ecology, Odum School of Ecology, University of Georgia	2018 — Expected Graduation Dec. 2023
Interdisciplinary Disease Ecology Across Scales Fellowship, NSF	2018 - 2021
Graduate Education Advancement Board Fellowship, UGA	2018 - 2019, 2020 - 2021
Bachelor of Science in Biology, Bucknell University	May 2018

RELEVANT COURSEWORK & WORKSHOPS

Modeling Courses	Spatial Data Analysis Workshop, Network Analysis in R Workshop, Clinic on Dynamical Approaches to
	Infectious Disease Data, Mathematical Modeling of Infectious Disease Workshop, Statistical Modeling in
	R, Interdisciplinary Problem-solving in Infectious Disease Ecology, Fundamentals of Disease Biology

Programming Courses

Data Visualization in R NSF REU Workshop (Instructor), Programming and Plotting in Python, Machine Learning for Ecologists, Introduction to Scientific Programming

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS & BOOK CONTRIBUTIONS

- Resetarits, E., Bartlett, L.J., **Wilson, C. A.**, Willoughby, A.R. "Parallels in parasite behavior: The other side of the host-parasite relationship." in V. Ezenwa, S. Altizer, R. Hall (eds) Animal Behavior and Parasitism, Oxford Academic, Oct 2022.
- Lilley, T. M., Wilson, C. A., Bernard, R. F., Willcox, E. V., Vesterinen, E. J., Webber, Q. M., ..., Field, K. A. (2017). Molecular Detection of Candidatus Bartonella mayotimonensis in North American Bats. *Vector-Borne and Zoonotic Diseases*, 17(4), 243-246.
- Lilley, T. M., Johnson, J. S., Ruokolainen, L., Rogers, E. J., **Wilson, C. A.**, Schell, S. M., Field, K. A., Reeder, D. M. (2016). White-nose syndrome survivors do not exhibit frequent arousals associated with *Pseudogymnoascus destructans* infection. *Frontiers in Zoology*, 13(1).

ACTIVITIES & SELECT PRESENTATIONS

Ecology Lab (ECOL3500L), Instructor	Spring 2023
Graduate Program Committee Representative	2020— 2022
Ecology & Evolution of Infectious Disease Meeting, Atlanta, GA, Poster Presenter	June 2022
Ecological Society of America (Virtual) Meeting, Research Presenter	August 2021
Ecology & Evolution of Infectious Disease Meeting, Virtual, Poster Presenter	June 2021
Ecology & Evolution of Infectious Disease Meeting, Princeton, NJ, Poster Presenter	June 2019