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Born: July 2, 1984 — Reston, Virginia

Nationality: USA

# Current position

2019 - Assistant Professor
School of Life Sciences
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
Honolulu, Hawai'i, USA

Graduate Faculty member in Ecology, Evolution, and Conservation Biology program Cooperating Graduate Faculty member of Tropical Plant and Soil Sciences

# Areas of specialization

Evolutionary Biology; Plant Ecophysiology; Quantitative Biology

# Past Appointments

2017 - 2018 Scientist – Biological Statistics for Global Agronomy Novozymes Inc.

Durham, North Carolina, USA

Novozymes develops biological solutions to improve yield and make crops more sustainable. I lead data science for the global field trial program to commercialize new agricultural products. I developed computational workflows to process, analyze, and interpret large datasets for stakeholders.

2017 Computational Biologist
Poisson Consulting Ltd.
Vancouver, Canada

I helped conserve natural resources in Canada through statistical consulting for industrial and government clients. I developed open source software in R to analyze and make sense of large ecological datasets using Bayesian statistical approaches.

2015 - 2017 Postdoctoral Researcher

Departments of Botany and Zoology University of British Columbia Vancouver, Canada

2013 - 2015 Biodiversity Postdoctoral Fellow

Biodiversity Research Centre University of British Columbia

Vancouver, Canada

As a postdoctoral researcher I studied fundamental problems in the evolution and ecology of biodiversity. My funding provided extraordinary independence to develop and pursue my research interests in evolutionary physiology using theory, computational approaches, phylogenetic comparative methods, and field experiments.

## Education

PhD in Evolutionary Biology (Geology minor)
Indiana University
Bloomington, Indiana, USA

2006 BS in Biology (Economics minor)
College of William and Mary
Williamsburg, Virginia, USA

Grants, Awards, & Fellowships

Major Grants and Fellowships

### Awarded

NIH COBRE Integrative Center for Environmental Microbiomes and Human Health Pilot Project

"An experimental system to test how aerosols and leaf anatomy shape the plant microbiome" PI **Muir** (\$53,760)

2022–2025 NSF DEB Bridging Ecology and Evolution

"Collaborative Research: BEE: Integrating evolutionary genetics and population ecology to detect contemporary adaptation to climate change across a species range" with lead PI Seema Sheth, PI **Muir**, PI Lluvia Flores-Renteria, PI Jason Sexton, and PI Jeff Diez. \$1,452,695 (\$220,404 to UHM)

2020-2022 NSF EPSCoR RII Track 4

"Penetrating the inner lives of leaves to breed water-wise crops using math, 3D imaging, and experiments." PI **Muir**, \$133,971

2013 - 2015 Biodiversity Postdoctoral Fellowship (UBC, \$100,000)

2008 - 2012 NSF Graduate Research Fellowship (\$120,000)

**Awards** 

Emerging Leader Award (Botanical Society of America)
Early Career Open Science Award (Annals of Botany PLANTS)

Small Grants and Fellowships

2022 UHM UROP Faculty Mentoring Award (\$9,380)

SEED Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Access and Success (\$1,000)
Test proposal at the Paul Scherrer Institute, Switzerland (\$22,000)

UHM UROP Faculty Mentoring Award (\$4,452)

UHM Office of Vice Chancellor of Research Faculty Travel Award (\$1,779)

2019 UHM Office of Vice Chancellor of Research Faculty Travel Award (\$2,000)

pre-2019 Total of \$48,100

2022

Publications (34 peer-reviewed publications; 18 as (co-)first or corresponding author; 2 in-review)

Peer-reviewed Publications

**Muir CD\***, MÀ Conesa, J Galmés, VA Pathare, P Rivera, R López, T Terrazas, D Xiong. How important are functional and developmental constraints on phenotypic evolution? An empirical test with the stomatal anatomy of flowering plants. Accepted at *The American Naturalist*. RX preprint Code Adata

**Muir CD\***. Technical comment on 'Negative-assortative mating for color in wolves'. Accepted at *Evolution*. S article RX preprint C code

**Muir CD\***, CL Van Den Elzen, AL Angert. Selection on early survival does not explain germination rate clines in *Mimulus cardinalis*. Accepted at *The American Journal of* 

Botany. F article Rx preprint code data

Gorné LD, et al. (author 6 of 13). The acquisitive-conservative axis of leaf trait variation emerges even in homogeneous environments. *Annals of Botany* 129(6):709-722. **S** article

Kajihara KT, CP Egan, SOI Swift, CB Wall, **CD Muir**, NA Hynson. Core arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi are predicted by their high abundance occupancy relationship while host specialists are rare and geographically structured. *New Phytologist* 234(4): 1464-1476. Sarticle code

Stinziano JR, C Roback, D Gamble, BK Murphy, PJ Hudson, **CD Muir**\*. Principles of resilient coding for plant ecophysiologists. *AoB PLANTS* 13(5):plabo59.

Neto-Bradley BM, **CD Muir**, J Whitton, MW Pennell. Phylogenetic history of vascular plant metabolism revealed using a macroevolutionary common garden. *Proc R Soc B* 288: 20210605. article article attacks data

Egan CP, J Koko, **CD Muir**, G Zahn, SOI Swift, AS Amend, NA Hynson. Restoration of the mycobiome of the endangered Hawaiian mint *Phyllostegia kaalaensis* increases its pathogen resistance. *Fungal Ecology* 52: 101070. article code

Bontrager M, T Usui, JA Lee-Yaw, DN Anstett, HA Branch, AL Hargreaves, **CD Muir**, AL Angert. Adaptation across geographic ranges is consistent with strong selection in marginal climates and legacies of range expansion. *Evolution* 75: 1316-1333.

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2021

2020

Nelson TC\*, **CD Muir**\*, A Stathos\*, DD Vanderpool, K Anderson, AL Angert, L Fishman. Quantitative trait locus mapping reveals an independent genetic basis for joint divergence in leaf function, life-history, and floral traits between scarlet monkeyflower (*Mimulus cardinalis*) populations. *American Journal of Botany* 108: 844-856.

fracticle RX preprint (\* equal contribution)

Richardson AD, DM Aubrecht, D Basler, K Hufkens, **CD Muir**, L Hanssen. Developmental changes in the reflectance spectra of temperate deciduous tree leaves, and implications for thermal emissivity and leaf temperature. *New Phytologist* 229: 791-804.

30 article

Muir CD. A stomatal model of anatomical tradeoffs between gas exchange and pathogen colonization. Frontiers in Plant Science 11: 518991. Starticle RX preprint code

Conesa MÀ, **CD Muir**, A Molins, J Galmés. Stomatal anatomy coordinates leaf size with Rubisco kinetics in the Balearic *Limonium*). *AoB PLANTS*. 12: plzo50.

S article Code

Kattge J et al. (author 447 of 724). TRY plant trait database - enhanced coverage and open access. Global Change Biology 26: 119-188. Satticle

Muir CD. tealeaves: an R package for modelling leaf temperature using energy budgets. AoB PLANTS. II: plzo54. Particle RX preprint code cran

Lowry DB et al. (author 23 of 37). The case for the continued use of the genus name *Mimulus* for all monkeyflowers. *Taxon* 68: 617-623. article

**Muir CD**. Is amphistomy an adaptation to high light? Optimality models of stomatal traits along light gradients. *Integrative & Comparative Biology* 59: 571–584.

Samplistomy an adaptation to high light? Optimality models of stomatal traits along light gradients. *Integrative & Comparative Biology* 59: 571–584.

Bontrager M, **CD Muir**, AL Angert. Geographic and climatic drivers of reproductive assurance in *Clarkia pulchella*. *Oecologia* 190: 59-67. Sarticle RX preprint Code

Muir CD. Light and growth form interact to shape stomatal ratio among British angiosperms. New Phytologist 218: 242-52. article RX preprint code ata

2018

2015

Muir CD & AL Angert. Grow with the flow: a latitudinal cline in physiology is associated with more variable precipitation in *Erythranthe cardinalis*. Journal of Evolutionary Biology 30: 2189-203. Sarticle Rx preprint Code Adata

Conesa MÀ, **CD Muir**, EJ Roldán, A Molins, JA Perdomo, J Galmés. Growth capacity in wild tomatoes and relatives correlates with original climate in arid and semi-arid species. *Environmental and Experimental Botany* 141: 181–90. article

Guerrero RF, **CD Muir**, S Josway, LC Moyle. Pervasive antagonistic interactions among hybrid incompatibility loci. *PLoS Genetics* 13: e1006817. article RX preprint

**Muir CD**, MÀ Conesa, EJ Roldán, A Molins, J Galmés. Weak coordination between leaf structure and function among closely related tomato species. *New Phytologist* 213: 1642-53. A article RX preprint data

**Muir CD** & M Thomas-Huebner (undergraduate coauthor). Constraint around quarter-power allometric scaling in wild tomatoes (*Solanum* sect. *Lycopersicon*; Solanaceae). The American Naturalist 186: 421-33. Sarticle And data

- **Muir CD**. Making pore choices: repeated regime shifts in stomatal ratio. *Proc R Soc B* 282: 20151498. Sarticle RX preprint data
- Muir CD & MW Hahn. The limited contribution of reciprocal gene loss to increased speciation rates following whole genome duplication. The American Naturalist 185: 70-86. A article when data
  - **Muir CD**, JB Pease, LC Moyle. Quantitative genetic analysis indicates natural selection on leaf phenotypes across wild tomato species (*Solanum* sect. *Lycopersicon*; Solanaceae). *Genetics* 198: 1629-43. article data
  - **Muir CD**, RP Hangarter, LC Moyle, PA Davis. Morphological and anatomical determinants of mesophyll conductance in wild relatives of tomato (*Solanum* sect. *Lycopersicon* and sect. *Lycopersicoides*). *Plant, Cell & Environment* 37: 1415-26. article
- Muir CD. How did the Swiss cheese plant get its holes? The American Naturalist 181: 273-81. Sarticle
- Hahn MW, BJ White, **CD Muir**, NJ Besansky. No evidence for biased co- transmission of speciation islands in Anopheles gambiae. *Phil. Trans. R. Soc. B* 367: 374-84.
- Moyle LC & CD Muir. Reciprocal insights into adaptation from agricultural and evolutionary studies in tomato. Evolutionary Applications 3: 409-21. article
  - Moyle LC, **CD Muir**, MV Han, MW Hahn. The contribution of gene movement to the 'Two Rules of Speciation'. *Evolution* 64: 1541-57. article
- Muir CD & LC Moyle. Antagonistic epistasis for ecophysiological trait differences between *Solanum* species. New Phytologist 183: 789-802. Sarticle

# **Preprints**

Liu C\*, **CD Muir**\*, Y Li, J Zhang, G Yu, L Xu, M Li, Z Zhang, HJ de Boer, L Sack, X Han, N He. Scaling between stomatal size and density in forest plants. In revision. Rx preprint (\* equal contribution)

Bontrager M, **CD Muir**, C Mahony, DE Gamble, RM Germain, AL Hargreaves, EJ Kleynhans, KA Thompson, AL Angert. Climate warming weakens local adaptation. In revision. RX preprint

# Open-source Software

**tealeaves**: Solve for Leaf Temperature Using Energy Balance

github R cran

photosynthesis: Model C<sub>3</sub> Photosynthesis

github R cran

gunit: Converts Conductance Units

github R cran

smbr: R package to facilitate analyses using STAN

github

**Talks** 

2019

Invited Seminars (29 since 2012)

University of California, Merced, Life & Environmental Sciences, TBA.

University of Richmond, Department of Biology, *Global syntheses of stomatal evolution and local adaptation*.

University of California, Davis, Department of Plant Biology, Global syntheses of stomatal evolution and local adaptation.

University of Mississippi, Global syntheses of stomatal evolution and local adaptation.

Carleton University, Global syntheses of stomatal evolution and local adaptation.

University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Management, *Global patterns of stomatal evolution and local adaptation*.

University of California, Berkeley, Botany Lunch Seminar, Global patterns of stomatal evolution and local adaptation

University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Ecology, Evolution and Conservation Biology Evoluncheon Series, *Climate anomalies are altering local adaptation*.

University of Hawaii at Mānoa, Department of Tropical Plant and Soil Sciences, *Global patterns of stomatal evolution and local adaptation*.

University of Hawaii at Mānoa, Department of Tropical Plant and Soil Sciences, Synthesizing evolution and ecophysiology using leaves, trees, and math.

- University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Department of Botany, Synthesizing evolution and ecophysiology using leaves, trees, and math.
  - Michigan State University, Evolving resilience: Lessons from the ecophysiology of crop cousins and other wild plants.
- University of Virginia, How and Why? Synthesizing Evolution and Physiology.
  Rice University, How and Why? Synthesizing Evolution and Physiology.
  Purdue University, How and Why? Synthesizing Evolution and Physiology.
- University of Arizona, How and Why? Synthesizing Evolution and Physiology.
  University of Arkansas, How and Why? Synthesizing Evolution and Physiology.
  University of Wyoming, How and Why? Synthesizing Evolution and Physiology.
  University of Pittsburgh, How and Why? Synthesizing Evolution and Physiology.
- Virginia Tech, How and Why? Synthesizing Evolution and Physiology.
  University of Texas, Arlington, How and Why? Synthesizing Evolution and Physiology.
  University California, Davis, How and Why? Synthesizing Evolution and Physiology.
  Purdue University, Is it time for an evolutionary physiological synthesis, yet?.
- ETH Zürich, The physiology and genetics of adaptation.

  Simon Fraser University, Phenotypic variation and constraint.

  Harvard University Herbarium, Why do some plants have stomata on both leaf surfaces?.

  University of British Columbia, Is it time for an evolutionary physiological synthesis, yet?.

  Michigan State University, Is it time for an evolutionary physiological synthesis, yet?.
- University of Virginia EEBio Seminar, Through thick and thin: the adaptive significance of leaf trait variation in wild tomatoes.
  - **Invited Conference Presentations**
- Muir CD. Emerging Leader Lecture: Eons of pore decisions: how selection shapes the stomatal morphospace. Botany. Virtual!
- Muir CD. Synthesizing evolution and ecophysiology using leaves, trees, and math. Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology, Tampa, Florida, USA.
- Muir CD. What is evolutionary physiology?. Evolution, Austin, Texas, USA.
- Muir CD. Functional and genetic analysis of leaf traits associated with drought in wild tomatoes (Poster). Ecological Genomics Symposium, Kansas City, Missouri, USA.

- Contributed Conference Presentations
- Bonn-Savage, MA, **CD Muir**, KE Barton. Genetic variation in ontogenetic patterns in leaf anatomical traits in a long-term field experiment. *Botany*. Anchorage, Alaska.
  - **Muir CD**, A Bonnin, TN Buckley, MÀ Conesa, J Galmés, S McKlin, DA Rippner, M Schmeltz, G Théroux-Rancourt. Finding genes responsible for evolution of complex 3D leaf anatomy using tomographic microscopy. *Botany*. Anchorage, Alaska.
- Muir CD, SN Sheth, AL Angert. How will climate change affect the variance in fitness? An empirical test in the perennial herb *Mimulus cardinalis*. Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology. Virtual!
- Muir CD. Independent evolution of ab-and adaxial stomatal density enables adaptation. *Botany*. Virtual!
  - Bontrager M, **CD Muir**, C Mahony, DE Gamble, RM Germain, AL Hargreaves, EJ Kleynhans, KA Thompson, AL Angert. Climate anomalies are altering local adaptation. *Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology*. Austin, Texas.
- Muir CD. Open source computational tools for plant ecophysiology. SACNAS. Honolulu, Hawai'i.
  - This presentation is part of the symposium Abupua'a: From the mountains to the ocean. Desde la montana hasta el océano co-organized by Rosana Zenil-Ferguson, Emily Sessa, and myself.
  - **Muir CD**. Poster: Assimilation in silico and in practice: Open source computational tools for simulating  $CO_2$  assimilation and fitting models to data. Gordon Research Conference:  $CO_2$  Assimilation in Plants from Genome to Biome. Newry, Maine.
- Conesa MÀ, **CD Muir**, EJ Roldán, JJ Piguero-Pina, A Molins, J Galmés. Poster: Adaptive strategies in tomato wild relatives: sources to adapt tomato crop to more water-restrictive cultivation conditions. *XIV Solanaceae and 3rd Cucurbitaceae Joint Conference*. Barcelona, Spain.
- Muir CD & M Thomas-Huebner. Constraint around quarter-power allometric scaling in wild tomatoes. *Botany*, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
- Muir CD, JB Pease, LC Moyle. Connecting macroevolution to the genetics of adaptation: a case study using stomatal ratio. *Evolution*, Raleigh, North Carolina, USA
  - **Muir CD**. Pore choices: the adaptive significance of stomatal ratio. *American Society of Naturalists*, Asilomar, California, USA

Muir CD. Pore choices: the adaptive significance of stomatal ratio. *Evolution*, Snowbird, Utah, USA

**Muir CD**. Poster: Functional and genetic analysis of leaf traits associated with drought in wild tomatoes. *Society of Integrative and Comparative Biology*, San Francisco, California, USA

Muir CD. Through thick and thin: the adaptive significance of leaf trait variation in wild tomatoes. *Evolution*, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

Muir CD. Genetics of drought adaptation in wild tomatoes. *Evolution*, Portland, Oregon, USA

Evolution, Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA

Evolution, Stony Brook, New York, USA

Professional Activities, Affiliations & Outreach

Editor

2016 - 2017 Axios Review

**External Grant Reviews** 

NSF BIO Integrative Organismal Systems

NSF BIO Integrative Organismal Systems: Integrative Ecological Physiology Program

Austrian Science Fund (FWF)

NSF BIO Division of Environmental Biology

### Manuscript Reviews

American Journal of Botany; American Naturalist; Annals of Botany; AoB PLANTS; Applications in Plant Sciences; Botany; Current Biology; Ecology; Evolution; Global Ecology and Biogeography; International Journal of Plant Sciences; Journal of Evolutionary Biology; Methods in Ecology and Evolution; Molecular Biology and Evolution; Molecular Ecology; Nature Climate Change; Nature Ecology and Evolution; New Phytologist; Photosynthesis Research; Physiologia Plantarum; Plant, Cell & Environment; Plant Physiology; PLOS Biology; PLOS ONE; Proceedings B; Scientific Reports; Theoretical Population Biology

# University Service

Quantitative Biologist Faculty Search Committee
Faculty Search Procedure
Life Sciences Assessment Committee Member
Life Sciences Funding and Fellowship Committee Member
EECB Fellowship Reviewer

Life Sciences Assessment Committee Member

Life Sciences Funding and Fellowship Committee Member

**EECB Fellowship Reviewer** 

Life Sciences Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Member

Life Sciences Workload Committee Member

Global Change Botanist Faculty Search Committee

**Botany Graduate Admissions Committee** 

Life Sciences Building Space Governance Committee

School of Life Sciences Instructional Workload Survey Committee

Botany department scholarship reviewer

2014 - 2015 Organized UBC Biodiversity Lunchtime Internal Seminar Series (BLISS)

#### **Professional Service**

2021

2022 Workshop on "Common methods in leaf gas-exchange research: an introduction to

measurements, theory, and data analysis" at Botany 2022 SICB Division of Botany Best Poster competition judge

SICB Division of Botany Best Poster competition judge

Botanical Society of America PLANTS Mentor

2019 - 2021 Secretary, Division of Botany, Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology (SICB)

SICB Rising Star in Organismal Botany competition judge
Co-organizer SFU/UBC/UVic Ecology and Evolution Retreat

### **Professional Society Memberships**

- Society for the Study of Evolution
- The American Society of Naturalists
- Botanical Society of America
- Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology

# Mentorship & Teaching

#### Certificate in Effective Instruction

# Association of College and University Educators

This certificate signifies my completion of a 25-module course in effective teaching practices requiring the implementation of evidence-based instructional approaches. The credential is co-issued by the American Council on Education and distinguishes faculty for their commitment to educational excellence and student success.

### **Graduate Student Committees**

Dachuan (Frank) Wang (chair)

G Young Kim (interim member) Nathan Fumia (UH TPSS, member)

Devon DeBevoise (member)

Ana Flores (member)

Caitlyn Genovese (member)

Lauren Nerfa (interim member)

Ikenna Nometa (UH Mathematics, member)

Francisca Rodriguez (member) Joani Viliunas (interim member)

### Undergraduate Thesis Committees

Genevieve Triplett (chair) Amanda Wong (member)

### Undergraduate mentorship

Lily Rogers (UH Mānoa)

Joana Kim (UH Mānoa) Justin Alter (UH Mānoa)

Jenna Matsuyama (UH Mānoa)

Kai Yasuda (UH Mānoa)

McKenna Bonn-Savage (UH Mānoa)

Ezikio Quintana (UH Mānoa) Michelle Leano (UH Mānoa) Jennifer Guo (UH Mānoa)

Skylar Hara (UH Mānoa)

Daniel Trupp (UH Mānoa)

Genevieve Triplett (UH Mānoa)

Awarded UHM UROP project funds (\$4,989)

Selina Dhanani, Alyson Eng, Geety Hafizi, Curtis Logan, Emily Okun (UBC)

Vicki Thill and Austin Koontz (Univ Nevada-Reno undergraduates)

2015 Courtney Van Den Elzen (UBC)

Lisa Lin and Erin Warkman (UBC Work-learn students)
Meret Thomas-Huebner (Indiana University NSF REU)

# Teaching experience

# Instructor of Record (University of Hawai'i)

2023-spring BIOL 470: Evolution

2022-fall BOT 100: Freshman Seminar

BIOL 172L: Introduction to Biology II Lab

2022-spring BIOL / BOT 220: Biostatistics and **Q** lab

BIOL 470: Evolution

2021-fall BOT 100: Freshman Seminar

2021-spring BIOL / BOT 220: Biostatistics and **Q** lab

2020-fall BIOL 470: Evolution BIOL 470: Evolution

BIOL / BOT 297: Biostatistics

2019-fall BIOL / BOT 455: Analysis of Biological Data

Open-source teaching resources

Shiny apps for Evolutionary Biology

Interviews and Press Coverage

Botany One: AoBP ECOS 2020 Awardee Chris Muir

Plantae: Faculty Job: Myths & Realities - an interview with Christopher Muir

Botany One: tealeaves: an R package for modelling leaf temperature using energy bud-

gets

*Discover*: "Why Do Houseplants Have Holey Leaves?" https://discovermagazine.com/2014/april/2-o-holey-leaf

New Phytologist: "Plant evolutionary ecology: molecular genetics, global warming and invasions, and the novel approaches we are using to study adaptations" https://dx.doi.org/10.1111/nph.12028