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Education

Ph.D. Ecology and Evolutionary Biology University of Oregon *Eugene*, *Oregon* September 2021 - present

Bachelor of Science Biology

June 2020

University of Oregon Eugene, Oregon

September 2018 - June 2020

University of California, Los Angeles Los Angeles, California

September 2017 - June 2018

Research experience

Spatial dynamics of selective sweeps

September 2022 - present

Advisor: Dr. Andrew Kern, University of Oregon

Simulation-based research for PhD dissertation investigating the effects of spatial population structure on selective sweeps.

Machine learning inference of location from genetic data

June 2020 - present

Advisor: Dr. Andrew Kern, University of Oregon

Simulation-based research investigating the impact of spatially-biased training data on machine learning inference of location from genetic data.

Cross-species analysis of transcription expression

March 2022 - June 2022

Advisor: Dr. William Cresko, University of Oregon

Rotation project assessing the effects of cross-species scRNA-seq integration methods on analysis outcomes.

Modeling high-order epistasis in populations

September 2021 - December 2021

Advisor: Dr. Michael Harms, University of Oregon

Rotation project simulating population-level evolutionary trajectories across fitness landscapes.

Bacterial-host evolutionary conflict

April 2020 - June 2021

Advisor: Dr. Matthew Barber, University of Oregon

Computational and experimental work investigating coevolutionary dynamics between the primate immune system and bacteria.

Fitness effects of inaccurate translation

September 2017 - June 2018

Advisor: Dr. Beth Lazazzera, University of California, Los Angeles

Experimental work investigating impacts of the loss of aminoacyl-tRNA synthetase editing on E. coli fitness

Teaching Experience

Evolutionary Biology Fall 2023

Guest Lecturer Department of Biology, University of Oregon

Lectured on integrating evolutionary forces.

Computational Genetics

Guest Lecturer Department of Biology, University of Oregon

Lectured on principal component analysis and data visualization.

Evolutionary Biology Fall 2022

Guest Lecturer Department of Biology, University of Oregon Lectured on genotypic and phenotypic variation.

General Biology IV: Mechanisms

Spring 2022

Graduate Employee Department of Biology, University of Oregon

Lead and instructed students during wet and dry lab activities, graded assignments and assisted in curriculum development.

Immunology and Infectious Disease

Winter 2022

Graduate Employee Department of Biology, University of Oregon

Developed discussion material, lead and instructed students during discussions, and graded assignments.

Evolutionary Biology

Fall 2021

Graduate Employee Department of Biology, University of Oregon

Lead student discussions of publications in evolutionary biology, and graded assignments.

Marine Biology Winter 2020

Biology Undergraduate Lab Assistant Department of Biology, University of Oregon Assisted in instruction of students during wet lab activities.

General Biology IV: Mechanisms

Summer 2019

Biology Tutor for Undergraduates Department of Biology, University of Oregon

Assisted in instruction of students during lectures and wet and dry lab activities

Conferences and Meetings

The Allied Genomics Conference

March 2024

Genetics Society of America, National Harbor, Maryland, USA

Poster: In space no one can hear you sweep: Dynamics and outcomes of selective sweeps in continuous geographic space

SMBE July 2023

Society for Moleculary Biology and Evolution, Ferrara, Italy

Poster: Location, location, location: Evaluating evidence for co-geography in the Anopheles Plasmodium host-parasite system

EVO-WIBO April 2023

American Society of Naturalists, Port Townsend, Washington, USA

Poster: Location, location, location: Dissecting errors in machine learning prediction of geography

Spring 2023

Population, Evolutionary, and Quantitative Genetics

June 2022

Genetics Society of America, Asilomar, California, USA

Poster: Location, location, location: Dissecting errors in machine learning prediction of geography

Probabilistic Modeling in Genomics

April 2021

Cold Spring Harbor Laboratories, virtual

Poster: Location, location, location: Dissecting errors in machine learning prediction of geography

Publications

Rehmann CR, Ralph PL, Kern AD. Evaluating evidence for co-geography in the Anopheles Plasmodium host-parasite system. G3 Genes—Genomes—Genetics, Volume 14, Issue 3, March 2024, jkae008, DOI: 10.1093/g3journal/jkae008

In prep: Chevy E, Miseon J, Caudill V, Champer S, Haller B, **Rehmann CR**, Smith CS, Tittes S, Messer P, Kern AD, Ramachandran S, Ralph PL. Population genetics meets ecology: a guide to simulations in continuous geography.

Outreach and Community Involvement

Women in Graduate Sciences

Fall 2021 - present

Public Relations Chair

Academic Year 2023 - 2024

Communicating with WGS members about upcoming events, opportunities, and gatherings; advertising WGS events to the on- and off-campus community.

Social Co-chair

Academic Year 2022 - 2023

Planning and organizing social events for WGS members and the local community.

Mad Duck Outreach

Winter 2023 - present

Helping to facilitate on-campus science activities for middle school students on furlough days.

Graduate Evolutionary Biology and Ecology Students

Fall 2021 - present

SPECIE2S chair

Academic year 2023 - 2024

Organizing and facilitating weekly writing groups and peer feedback sessions for graduate students.

Seminar committee

Academic Year 2022 - 2023; 2023 - 2024

Helping plan and organize an annual free public seminar on current topics in biology.

Genetics Society of America Member

Winter 2022 - present

American Society of Naturalists

Winter 2023 - present

Society for Molecular Biology and Evolution

Spring 2023 - present