

# Tad Dallas

## experience

2019 -	Assistant professor <i>Dept. of Biological Sciences</i>	Louisiana State University @Baton Rouge
2018 - 2019	Postdoctoral fellow <i>Advised by Otso Ovaskainen</i>	University of Helsinki - <i>Centre for Ecological Change</i>
2016 - 2018	Postdoctoral fellow <i>Advised by Alan Hastings</i>	University of California–Davis - <i>Center for Population Biology</i>
2015	Distributed <i>R</i> Analytics Intern <i>Software development for analysis of large data</i>	HP Vertica - Big Data Platform Dev Team
2010-2011	Biological Science Technician <i>Subtropical Plant Pathology Lab</i>	USDA - Agricultural Research Service
2008	Mathematical Biology Program <i>Mathematical estimation of host range using mark-recapture data</i>	NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU)

## education

2011 - 2016	Ph.D. Ecology <i>Advised by John Drake</i>	U Georgia - Odum School of Ecology
2009 - 2010	M.S. Biology <i>Ecology of small mammal-tick interactions</i> advised by Stephanie Foré	Truman State University
2005 - 2009	B.S. Biology Majoring in Biology <i>Minor in Mathematical Biology</i>	Truman State University

## publications

2018

- Dallas, T and A Hastings. 2018. Habitat suitability estimated by niche models is largely unrelated to species abundance (in press at *Global Ecology and Biogeography*)
- Dallas, T, S Budischak, C Carlson, V Ezenwa, B Han, S Huang, AA Aguirre, and PR Stephens. 2018. Gauging support for macroecological patterns in helminth parasites (in press at *Global Ecology and Biogeography*)
- Dallas, T, BA Han, CL Nunn, AW Park, PR Stephens, and JM Drake. 2018. Trait-based prediction of host species roles in parasite sharing networks. *Oikos* doi: 10.1111/oik.05602
- Dallas, T, R Decker, AM Hastings. 2018. Multiple data sources and freely available code is critical when investigating species distributions and diversity: a response to Knouft (2018). *Ecology Letters* doi: 10.1111/ele.13105

## about

Postdoctoral researcher

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## programming

Proficient  
R  
Matlab/Octave  
SQL

### Familiar


C++  
Julia  
Python

### Markup



LaTeX  
Markdown  
HTML/XML/XPath

### Version control






git

- Dallas, T, A Gehman, MJ Farrell. 2018. Variable bibliographic database access could limit reproducibility. *BioScience* doi:10.1093/biosci/biy074
- Park, AW, MJ Farrell, JP Schmidt, S Huang, T Dallas, P Pappalardo, JM Drake, PR Stephens, R Poulin, CL Nunn, and TJ Davies. 2018. Characterizing the phylogenetic specialism-generalism spectrum of mammal parasites. *Proceedings of the Royal Society B* doi: 10.1098/rspb.2017.2613
-  Dallas, T, JM Drake, and M Krkosek. Experimental evidence of a pathogen invasion threshold. *Royal Society Open Science* doi: 10.1098/rsos.171975
- Dallas, T and T Poisot. 2018. Compositional turnover in host and parasite communities does not change network structure. *Ecography* doi: 10.1111/ecog.03514



## 2017

- Dallas, T, R Decker, AM Hastings. 2017. Species are not most abundant in the center of their geographic range or climatic niche. *Ecology Letters* doi: 10.1111/ele.12860
- Carlson, CJ, KR Burgio, T Dallas, and WM Getz. The Mathematics of Extinction Across Scales: From Populations to the Biosphere. In *Mathematics of Planet Earth: Quantitative Approaches to Issues of Current Interest*. (Eds: HG Kaper and FS Roberts) Springer. (forthcoming book)
-  Carlson, CJ, KR Burgio, ER Dougherty, AJ Phillips, VM Bueno, CF Clements, G Castaldo, T Dallas, CA Cizauska, GS Cumming, J Doña, NC Harris, R Jovani, S Mironov, O Muellerklein, HC Proctor, WM Getz. 2017. Parasite biodiversity faces extinction and redistribution in a changing climate. *Science Advances* doi: 10.1126/sciadv.1602422
- Dallas, T, S Huang, C Nunn, AW Park, JM Drake. 2017. Estimating parasite host range. *Proceedings of the Royal Society B*. 284:1861. doi:10.1098/rspb.2017.1250.
-  Dallas, T, AW Park, and JM Drake. 2017. Predicting cryptic links in host-parasite networks. *PLoS Computational Biology*. 13(5): e1005557 doi:10.1371/journal.pcbi.1005557
-  Evans, MV, T Dallas, BA Han, CC Murdock, JM Drake. 2017. Data-driven identification of potential Zika virus vectors. *eLife*. e22053. doi:10.7554/eLife.22053



## 2016

-  Dallas, T, A Kramer, M Zokan, and JM Drake. 2016. Ordination obscures the influence of environment on plankton metacommunity structure. *Limnology and Oceanography Letters*. 54-61. doi:10.1002/lol2.10028
- Dallas, T, AW Park, and JM Drake. 2016. Predictability of helminth parasite host range using information on geography, host traits and parasite community structure. *Parasitology*. doi:10.1017/S0031182016001608
-  Dallas, T and JM Drake. 2016. Fluctuating temperatures alter environmental pathogen transmission in a *Daphnia*-pathogen system. *Ecology and Evolution* 00: 1-8. doi:10.1002/ece3.2539
-  Stephens, P, Altizer, S, Smith, K, Aguirre, A, Brown, J, Budischak, S, Byers, J, Dallas, T, Davies, J, Drake, J, Ezenwa, V, Farrell, M, Gittleman, J, Han, B, Huang, S, Hutchinson, R, Johnson, P, Nunn, C, Onstad, D, Park, A, Vazquez-Prokopec, G, Schmidt, J, and Poulin, R. 2016. The Macroecology of Infectious Diseases: A New Perspective on Global-scale Drivers of Pathogen Distributions and Impacts. *Ecology Letters* 19(9): 1159-1171. doi: 10.1111/ele.12644
-  Dallas, T 2016. *helminthR*: An R interface to the London Natural History Museum's Host-Parasite Database. *Ecography* 39(4): 391-393. doi: 10.1111/ecog.02131 `</>`
- Dallas, T, R Hall, and J Drake. 2016. Competition-mediated feedbacks in experimental multi-species epizootics. *Ecology* 97(3):661-670. doi:10.1890/15-0305.1 `</>`
-  Dallas, T, M Holtackers, and J Drake. 2016. Costs of resistance and infection by a generalist pathogen. *Ecology and Evolution* 6(6): 1737-1744. doi: 10.1002/ece3.1889 `</>`

## 2015

-  [Dallas, T](#) and E Cornelius. 2015. Co-extinction in a host-parasite network: identifying key hosts for network stability. *Nature Scientific Reports* doi: 10.1038/srep13185
- Park, AW, C Cleveland, [T Dallas](#), and J Corn. 2015. Vector species richness increases hemorrhagic disease prevalence through functional diversity modulating the duration of seasonal transmission. *Parasitology* 10: 1-6. doi: 10.1017/S0031182015000578
- Presley SJ, [Dallas, T](#), Klingbeil, BT, Willig, MR. 2015. Phylogenetic signals in host-parasite associations for Neotropical bats and Nearctic desert rodents. *Biological Journal of the Linnean Society* 116(2): 312-327. 

#### 2014 and prior

-  [Dallas, T](#) and JM Drake 2014. Relative importance of environmental, geographic, and spatial variables on zooplankton metacommunities. *Ecosphere* 5(9): art104 doi:10.1890/ES14-00071.1.
-  [Dallas, T](#) 2014. *metacom*: an R package for the analysis of metacommunity structure. *Ecography* 37(4):402-405. doi:10.1111/j.1600-0587.2013.00695.x
- [Dallas, T](#) and SJ Presley. 2014. Relative importance of host environment, transmission potential, and host phylogeny to the structure of parasite metacommunities. *Oikos* 123: 866–874. doi:10.1111/oik.00707
-  [Dallas, T](#) and JM Drake 2014. Nitrate enrichment alters a *Daphnia*-microparasite interaction through multiple pathways. *Ecology and Evolution* 4(3):243-250. doi: 10.1002/ece3.925
- Kim, HJ, Cavanaugh, JE, [Dallas, T](#), and S Foré. 2013. Model selection criteria for overdispersed data and their application to the characterization of a host-parasite relationship. *Environmental and Ecological Statistics* doi:10.1007/s10651-013-0257-0
-  [Dallas, T](#) 2013. *metacom*: Analysis of the 'Elements of Metacommunity Structure'. R package version 1.2. <http://CRAN.R-project.org/package=metacom>
- [Dallas, T](#) and S Foré. 2013. Chemical attraction of *Dermacentor variabilis* ticks parasitic to *Peromyscus leucopus* based on host body mass and sex. *Experimental and Applied Acarology* 61(2): 243-250. doi:10.1007/s10493-013-9690-x
- [Dallas, T](#), S Foré, and HJ Kim. 2012. Modeling the influence of *Peromyscus leucopus* body mass, sex and habitat on immature *Dermacentor variabilis* burdens. *Journal of Vector Ecology*. 37(2):338-341.doi:10.1111/j.1948-7134.2012.00236.x
- [Dallas, T](#), S Foré and HJ Kim. 2010. Factors influencing immature *Dermacentor variabilis* load on the white-footed mouse (*Peromyscus leucopus*). *Technical Report, Truman State University*.

#### software

metacom	Analysis of metacommunity structure	R package
helminthR	Portal to London Natural History Museum host-helminth database	R package
spatExtinct	Spatially interpolated extinction date estimation	R package

#### selected presentations

- [T Dallas](#). *Invited seminar at Osnabrück University*. Hosted by Frank Hilker. December 5, 2018.
- [T Dallas](#). *Invited seminar at McGill University*. Hosted by Rowan Barrett. April 4, 2018.

- **T Dallas**. *Invited seminar at University of Arkansas*. Hosted by John David Wilson. February 12, 2018.
- **T Dallas**. *Invited seminar at Louisiana State University*. Hosted by Bret Elderd. January 30, 2018.
- **T Dallas**. *Invited seminar at University of California - Los Angeles*. Hosted by Jamie Lloyd-Smith. January 9, 2018.
- **T Dallas**, B Melbourne, G Legault, A Hastings. Initial abundance and stochasticity influence species coexistence *Society for Mathematical Biology*, July 19, 2017.
- **T Dallas** and JM Drake. Using niche modeling to detect unobserved interactions in host-parasite networks. *Ecological Society of America*, August 11, 2015.
- JE Byers, P Pappalardo, JP Schmidt, PR Stephens, S Haas, C Nunn, JM Drake, and **T Dallas**. What parasite and host traits best explain the geographic range of mammal parasites and diseases? *Ecological Society of America*, August 11, 2015.
- **T Dallas** and JM Drake. Costs of resistance and infection in *Daphnia* species exposed to a generalist microparasite. *Ecology and Evolution of Infectious Disease Conference*. Fort Collins, CO. June 2014
- **T Dallas**, JM Drake, M Krkosek. Thresholds to pathogen invasion: theory + experiment. *Ecological Society of America*. Sacramento, California. August 11, 2014
- **T Dallas** and JM Drake. The Influence of Nitrate on Fungal Parasitism of *Daphnia*. *98th annual American Society for Microbiology (Southeastern Branch)*. October 2012.
- **T Dallas**. Effects of competition and selective predation in a two-host system. *Odum School of Ecology Graduate Student Symposium*. Athens GA. January 2011.
- **T Dallas**. Thesis defense: An examination of variation in *Dermacentor variabilis* burdens within and between host species. *Truman State University*. August 2010.

## professional service

For information on my service as a reviewer, see my Publons page. I have served as a reviewer for the following journals:

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| • American Naturalist             | • Journal of Animal Ecology          |
| • Biological Conservation         | • Journal of Biogeography            |
| • Ecography                       | • Journal of Vector Ecology          |
| • Ecology                         | • Landscape Ecology                  |
| • Ecology and Evolution           | • Methods in Ecology and Evolution   |
| • Ecology Letters                 | • Oecologia                          |
| • Ecological Complexity           | • Oikos                              |
| • Functional Ecology              | • Philosophical Transactions B       |
| • Freshwater Biology              | • PLoS One                           |
| • Global Ecology and Biogeography | • Proceedings of the Royal Society B |
| • Invertebrate Biology            | • Theoretical Ecology                |

Further, I have served as webmaster for the following organizations:

- Ecological Society of America - Disease Ecology section

- Macroecology of Infectious Disease - NSF Research Coordination Network
- Computational Ecology and Epidemiology Study Group - UGA
- Graduate Student Association - Odum School of Ecology

## mentoring

2017-2018	Undergraduate thesis project	Ivan Beas
2014	Population Biology of Infectious Disease REU	Trianna Humphries
2013	Young Dawgs Program	Mathieu Holtackers

## awards

2014	Best student paper award - Odum School of Ecology	Applied category
2014	Best student paper award - Odum School of Ecology	Theoretical category
2014	Presentation award (4 <sup>th</sup> place)	Odum School Graduate Student Symposium
2012 - 2014	Odum School small grant recipient	Fully funded for 3 years
2011	Love of Learning award	Phi Kappa Phi

## professional affiliations

2017 -	Society for Mathematical Biology	
2016 -	Association for the Sciences of Limnology and Oceanography	
2012 -	Ecological Society of America member	Aquatic Ecology and Disease Ecology sections
2010 -	Phi Kappa Phi member	Academic honor fraternity