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## Education

Ph.D. 2019. **University of Washington**, Seattle, WA

B.A. 2013. **Reed College**, Portland, OR

## Publications

**Linck, E.**, Freeman, B.G., Dumbacher, J.P. In Press. Speciation and gene flow across an elevational gradient in New Guinea kingfishers. *Journal of Evolutionary Biology*. Preprint DOI: 10.1101/589044

**Linck, E.**, Fricke, E., Rogers, H. In press. Varied abundance and functional diversity in the surviving bird communities of the Mariana Islands. *The Wilson Journal of Ornithology*.

**Linck, E.**, Celi, J.E., Sheldon, K.S. 2020. Panmixia across elevation in thermally sensitive Andean dung beetles. *Ecology and Evolution* 10(9), 4143-4155.

**Linck, E.** 2020. Bird Species: How They Arise, Modify and Vanish. *The Auk* 137, 1-2.

**Linck, E.**, Epperly, K., van Els, P., Spellman, G.M., Bryson Jr., R.W., Canales-del-Castillo, R., McCormack, J.E., Klicka, J. 2019. Dense geographic and genomic sampling reveals paraphyly and a cryptic lineage in a classic sibling species complex. *Systematic Biology* 68(6), 956-966.

**Linck, E.**, Battey, C.J. 2019. Minor allele frequency thresholds strongly affect population structure inference with genomic datasets. *Molecular Ecology Resources* 19(3), 639-647.

**Linck, E.**, Huber, H.C., Greeney, H.F., Sheldon, K.S. 2019. Nesting biology of the Blue-and-white Swallow (*Pygochelidon cyanoleuca*) in northeastern Ecuador. *Ornitología Neotropical* 30, 5-10.

Battey, C.J., **Linck, E.**, Epperly, K.L., French, C., Slager, D., Klicka, J. 2018. A Migratory Divide In The Painted Bunting (*Passerina ciris*). *The American Naturalist* 191(2), 259-268.

**Linck, E.**, Hanna, Zachary R., Sellas, A., Dumbacher, J.P. 2017. Evaluating hybridization capture with RAD probes as a tool for museum genomics with historical bird specimens. *Ecology and Evolution* 7(8).

**Linck, E.**, Bridge, E.S., Duckles, J., Navarro-Sigenza, A.G., Rohwer, S. 2016. Assessing migration patterns in Painted Buntings using the world's bird collections as an aggregated resource. *PeerJ* 4:e1871.

**Linck, E.**, Schaack, S., Dumbacher, J. 2015. Genetic differentiation within a widespread "supertramp" taxon: molecular phylogenetics of the Louisiade White-eye (*Zosterops griseotinctus*). *Molecular Phylogenetics and Evolution* 94(A), 113-121.

**Linck, E.** 2010. Notes on birds and logistics from the south side of Mount Giluwe, SHP. *Muruk* 10(1), 4-7.

## Preprints

**Linck, E.**, Battey, C.J. 2019. On the relative ease of speciation with periodic gene flow. *bioRxiv*. DOI: 10.1101/758664

## Grants, Awards, & Fellowships

American Ornithological Society Kessel Fellowship (*declined*). 2019. \$15,000.  
NSF Postdoctoral Research Fellowship in Biology. 2019. \$138,000.  
John S. Edwards Endowed Fund in Biology. 2018. \$1,500.  
John S. Edwards Endowed Fund in Biology. 2018. \$1,500.  
Hoag Endowed Graduate Fellowship. 2018. \$1,500.  
American Museum of Natural History Chapman Grant. 2018. \$2,000.  
NSF Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant. 2017. \$20,084.  
NDSEG Fellowship. 2016. \$172,000.  
WRF-Hall Fellowship. 2016. \$13,000.  
WRF-Hall Supplemental Funds. 2016. \$5,100.  
Society of Systematic Biologists Graduate Student Research Award. 2015. \$1,500  
Reed College BURP Fund. 2012. \$1,500.  
Reed College Arch and Fran Diack Student Field Research Fund. 2010. \$4,200.  
Explorers Club Youth Activity Fund. 2009. \$1,500.

## Teaching Experience and Pedagogical Training

### *As Teaching Assistant:*

Biology 472: Community Ecology. Fall 2015. Department of Biology, University of Washington.  
Biology 452: Vertebrate Biology. Summer 2015. Department of Biology, University of Washington.  
Biology 200: Introductory Biology II. Fall 2014. Department of Biology, University of Washington.  
Biology 180: Introductory Biology I. Winter 2015, Spring 2015, Winter 2016. Department of Biology, University of Washington.  
Biology 366: Population Ecology and Evolution. Spring 2013. Department of Biology, Reed College.

### *As Workshop Instructor:*

BioFrontiers QED Supergroup: “Basic population genomic analysis in Python and R.” 2019. University of Colorado, Boulder.

### *Pedagogical Tools:*

Translated Darren Irwin’s R program HZAM for simulating hybrid zones with assortative mating into an interactive Shiny App: [https://elinck.shinyapps.io/hzam\\_shiny/](https://elinck.shinyapps.io/hzam_shiny/)

## Honors

NSF GRFP Honorable Mention. 2016.  
NSF GRFP Honorable Mention. 2015.  
Commendation for Excellence, Reed College Junior Qualifying Exam. 2011.

## Appointments

**National Science Foundation Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Biology.** 2020. Department of Biology & Museum of Southwestern Biology, University of New Mexico.

**Research Affiliate.** 2019 - present. Taylor Lab, Department Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of Colorado, Boulder.

**Postdoctoral Research Associate.** 2019 - 2020. Department of Ecology & Evolutionary Biology, University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

**National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellow.** 2016 - 2019. US Department of Defense.

**Contributing Writer.** 2016 - 2018. *The Molecular Ecologist*.

**Visiting Researcher.** 2016. Department of Ornithology & Mammology, California Academy of Sciences.

**WRF-Hall Fellow.** 2016. Department of Biology, University of Washington.

**Curatorial Assistant.** 2016. Burke Museum of Natural History & Culture, University of Washington.

**Teaching Assistant.** 2014-2016. Department of Biology, University of Washington.

**Research Assistant.** 2014. Museum of Natural History, University of Colorado, Boulder.

**Winter Caretaker.** 2013-2014. Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory.

**NSF REU Student.** 2013-2014. Summer Systematics Institute, California Academy of Sciences.

**Teaching Assistant.** 2013. Department of Biology, Reed College.

**Research Assistant.** 2012. Department of Biology, University of Utah.

**NSF REU Student.** 2011. Department of Biology, University of Washington.

## Invited Presentations

**Linck, E.** 2019. Niche conservatism, speciation, and range limits on tropical mountainsides. Louisiana State University Museum of Natural Science Seminar Series, Baton Rouge, LA.

Sheldon, K.S., **Linck, E.** (Joint presentation.) 2019. Fisiología térmica, distribuciones y especiación en los trópicos. Universidad Regional Amazónica Ikiam Seminar Series, Tena, Napo, EC.

**Linck, E.** 2019. Confronting the Recreation-Conservation Divide: A Dialogue (Stegner Lecture). University of Utah Law School Wallace Stegner Center 24th Annual Symposium - Recreation Challenges on Public Lands, Salt Lake City, UT.

**Linck, E.** 2019. Natural selection, gene flow, and complexity in avian speciation. Pacific Lutheran University Biology Seminar, Tacoma, WA.

**Linck, E.** 2018. Outdoor Recreation and Land Ethics for the 21st Century. Restoring the West: Multiple Use and Sustained Yield of Resources on Public Land: Is It Still Possible?, Logan, UT.

**Linck, E.,** Freeman, B.G., Dumbacher, J., Klicka, J. 2018. What we talk about when we talk about speciation with gene flow in birds. University of New Mexico Brown Bag Seminar, Albuquerque, NM.

**Linck, E.,** Freeman, B.G., Dumbacher, J., Klicka, J. 2017. Why are there so many bird species in tropical mountains? Insights from genomics and New Guinea kingfishers. University of the South Pacific PaCE-SD Seminar, Suva, Fiji.

## Contributed Presentations

**Linck, E.** 2020. Early Professionals Mini-Talk Symposium. North American Ornithological Congress VII. Virtual.

**Linck, E.**, Celi, J.E., Sheldon, K.S. 2019. Climate as a barrier to dispersal over mountain passes: is gene flow reduced across elevational gradients in tropical Andean beetles? Ecological Society of America Meeting, Louisville, KY.

**Linck, E.**, Battey, C.J. 2019. Pleistocene glacial cycles and the relative ease of speciation with periodic gene flow. American Ornithological Society Meeting, Anchorage, AK.

**Linck, E.**, Freeman, B.G., Dumbacher, J., Klicka, J. 2018. Ecological speciation across an elevational gradient in New Guinea Kingfishers? American Ornithological Society Meeting, Tucson, AZ.

Battey, C.J., **Linck, E.**, Epperly, K.L., French, C., Slager, D., Klicka, J. 2017. A Migratory Divide In The Painted Bunting (*Passerina ciris*). (Co-presented poster.) Evolution Meetings, Portland, OR.

**Linck, E.**, Sellas, A., Hanna, Z., Dumbacher, J. 2016. hyRAD, museum genomics, and the phylogeography of a New Guinea forest kingfisher. Evolution Meetings, Austin, TX.

## Other Academic Presentations

**Linck, E.** 2019. Humans, nature, and biodiversity conservation in Melanesia. Graduate Student Symposium, UW Biology, Seattle, WA.

**Linck, E.**, Battey, C.J.. 2018. One weird trick to break *structure*: Derived allele frequencies and the accurate inference of ancestry. Graduate Student Symposium, UW Biology, Seattle, WA.

Battey, C.J., **Linck, E.**, Epperly, K.L., French, C., Slager, D., Klicka, J. 2017. A Migratory Divide In The Painted Bunting (*Passerina ciris*). (Presenting author.) Rocky Mountain Biology Laboratory Graduate Student Talks, Gothic, CO.

**Linck, E.** 2017. Phenotype, species limits, and adaptation in a New Guinea kingfisher. Graduate Student Symposium, UW Biology, Seattle, WA.

**Linck, E.**, Bridge, E.S., Duckles, J., Navarro-Sigenza, A.G., Rohwer, S. 2016. Assessing migratory behavior in Painted Buntings with specimen collections and remote sensing data. Rocky Mountain Biology Laboratory Graduate Student Talks, Gothic, CO.

**Linck, E.**, Klicka, J., Zarza, E., Bryson Jr., R., McCormack, J. 2016. Phylogenomic phylogeography of the Rufous-capped Brush Finch. Graduate Student Symposium, UW Biology, Seattle, WA.

Urquhart, G.R., Maes, J.M., **Linck, E.** 2015. Critical Uncertainties and Gaps in the Environmental and Social-Impact Assessment of the Proposed Interoceanic Canal through Nicaragua: Terrestrial Biodiversity. Second International Workshop on the Interoceanic Canal through Nicaragua, Managua, Nicaragua. (Panel presentation.)

**Linck, E.** 2015. Guest Lecture: Island Biogeography. Biology 472: Community Ecology, UW Biology, Seattle, WA.

**Linck, E.** 2013. Molecular Phylogenetics of the Louisiade White-eye (*Zosterops griseotinctus*.) California Academy of Sciences Summer Systematics Institute Symposium, San Francisco, CA.

**Linck, E.** 2013. Molecular Phylogenetics of the Louisiade White-eye (*Zosterops griseotinctus*.) Oral Thesis Defense, Reed College, Portland, OR.

**Linck, E.**, Schaack, S., Dumbacher, J. 2013. Molecular Phylogenetics of the Louisiade White-eye (*Zosterops griseotinctus*.) Students Talking About thesis Research (STARS) Seminar Series, Reed College, Portland, OR.

## Public Presentations

- Linck, E.** 2017. Natural history museums, DNA, and avian evolution. Trilogy Bird Club, Redmond, WA.
- Linck, E.** 2017. Natural history museums, DNA, and avian evolution. Eastside Audubon Society, Kirkland, WA.

## Selected Popular Writing

- Throwing wolves to the vote. 2020. *High Country News*.
- Your stake won't save us. 2018. *High Country News*.
- Darwinian Sexual Selection and the Politics of Beauty 2018. *Los Angeles Review of Books*.
- Bidding a Woeful Farewell to NSF's Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant (DDIG) Program 2017. *Undark Magazine*.
- Food Evolution (Review). 2017. *The Stranger*.
- Keep it Public. 2017. *Jacobin Magazine*.
- How Trump's War on Science Might Hurt the University of Washington. 2017. *The Stranger*.
- British Scientists Wanted No Exit From the EU. 2016. *The Stranger*.
- Science News (weekly column). 2016. *The Stranger*.
- Wilderness and "A Third-World Critique" in the Era of Climate Change. 2016. *The Hypocrite Reader* 69.
- Birds, Whiskey, and the Modern Evolutionary Synthesis: Ernst Mayr in the Solomon Islands. 2015. *The Hypocrite Reader* 59.
- A Trail Runner Defends His Right to Public Lands. 2015. *High Country News*.
- El Oso Plateado. 2014. *The Hypocrite Reader* 39.
- The Enduring Appeal of Counting Birds. 2013. *The Hypocrite Reader* 33.
- On Singing. 2013. *The Hypocrite Reader* 31.

## Field Experience

- Napo Province, Ecuador* 2020. Collecting climate data for postdoctoral research with K. Sheldon.
- Napo Province, Ecuador* 2019. Collecting dung beetles for postdoctoral research with K. Sheldon.
- Madang Province, Papua New Guinea*. 2018. Collecting genetic material for dissertation research.
- E Oregon, USA*. 2018. General collecting for UWBM Ornithology.
- Napo Province, Ecuador* 2018. Collecting dung beetles for collaboration with K. Sheldon.
- Chimbu Province, Papua New Guinea*. 2017. Collecting genetic material for dissertation research.
- E Oregon, USA*. 2017. General collecting for UWBM Ornithology.
- Idaho & SE Washington, USA*. 2015. General collecting for UWBM Ornithology.
- Colorado, USA*. 2014. Managing Boechera garden plots along an elevational transect.
- Colorado, USA*. 2013-2014. Winter caretaker at snowbound Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory field station.
- Monteverde, Costa Rica*. 2012. Bird surveys of pasture trees and pitfall trapping of dung beetles.
- Northern Mariana Islands, USA*. 2011. Point count bird surveys and forest ecology.

*Sandaun Province, Papua New Guinea.* 2010. Mist netting and point count bird surveys.

*Oregon, USA.* 2010. Bird banding assistant at a wetland molt migrant stopover site.

*Michoacan, Mexico.* 2010. Assistant naturalist, Expedition Travel / University of Florida group tour of Monarch butterfly colonies.

*Southern Highlands Province, Papua New Guinea.* 2009. Naturalist in residence, Ambua Lodge.

*Gulf Province, Papua New Guinea.* 2008. GIS mapping of clan boundaries, Crater Mountain Wildlife Management Area.

## Outreach & Service

### Natural History Museum Collections

- Periodic preparation of scientific bird specimens for UWBM collections
- Annual participation in UWBM collecting expeditions
- Tour guide for UW Introductory Biology field trips to UWBM specimen collections
- Regularly helped run the Burke Museum's "Members Night" and "Birds at the Burke" outreach events

### Service

- Organizer for a graduate student seminar on phylogenetics (2015)
- Organizer of a remote reading group on Andean ornithology (2020)
- Host for prospective graduate students (2015, 2016, 2017, 2018)
- Committee member, Graduate-led Action on Diversity and Equity (2018)

### Contributions to the field

- Multiple articles for the *The Molecular Ecologist*, a field-specific news, literature and methods tutorial website (<http://www.molecular ecologist.com/>)
- Peer reviewer, *The Auk* (3), *Systematic Biology* (3), *Molecular Ecology* (6), *Evolution* (2), *Evolution Letters* (1), *The American Naturalist* (1), *Molecular Ecology Resources* (1), *Molecular Phylogenetics and Evolution* (2), *PeerJ* (1), *Axiom Review* (1), *Ecological Applications* (1), *PLoS ONE* (1), *Conservation Genetics* (1), *Ecosphere* (2), *Heredity* (2), *Genes, Genomes, Genetics* (3), *Proceedings of the Royal Society B* (1); *The Wilson Journal of Ornithology* (1); *Journal of Biogeography* (2); *Bulletin of the British Ornithologists' Club* (1); *Ecological Entomology* (1); *Emu* (1); Society of Systematic Biology Graduate Student Research Award (2)
- Scripts publicly available on GitHub (<http://github.com/elinck>)
- Sequence data publicly available on GenBank / Dryad

## Society Membership

The Society for the Study of Evolution, The American Society of Naturalists, The Society of Systematic Biologists, The American Ornithological Society

## Graduate Committee

J. Klicka; J. Hille Ris Lambers; R. Olmstead; L. Hauser

## Collaborators

**CJ Battey** (U Washington); **E Bridge** (U Oklahoma); **R Bryson** (U Washington); **R Cañales** (UA Nuevo León); **D Cadena** (U Andes); **J Celi** (U Regional Amazónica Ikiam); **J Duckles** (U Oklahoma); **J Dumbacher** (California Academy of Sciences); **P van Els** (U Gronigen); **K Epperly** (U Washington); **BG Freeman** (U British Columbia); **C French** (U Washington); **E Fricke** (U Iowa); **E Funk** (CU Boulder); **HF Greeney** (Yanayacu Biological Station); **Z Hanna** (UC Berkeley); **HC Huber** (U Washington); **J McCormack** (Occidental College); **A Navarro-Siguenza** (UNAM); **J Parra** (UN Colombia); **H Rogers** (U Iowa); **S Rohwer** (U Washington); **S Schaack** (Reed College); **A Sellas** (California Academy of Sciences); **G Semenov** (CU Boulder); **K Sheldon** (U Tennessee); **D Slager** (U Washington); **G Spellman**

(Denver Museum of Nature and Science); **PW Sykes, Jr.** (USGS Patuxent Wildlife Research Center); **S Taylor** (CU Boulder); **I Quintero** (IBENS)

## References

### **Christopher C. Witt**

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### **John Klicka**

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