

# Emily Nazario

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## Academic History

- 2020 – Present    **Ph.D., University of California, Santa Cruz** Ecology and Evolutionary Biology.  
Designated Emphasis: *Coastal Science and Policy*  
Thesis Title: *From metabolic rates to managed areas: interdisciplinary insights to inform marine predator conservation*
- 2015 – 2018    **B.S., University of California, Santa Cruz** Ecology and Evolutionary Biology.  
Undergraduate Thesis: *Baleen whale inhalation variability revealed using animal-borne video tags.*

## Awards, Grants, Honors

- 2025    Rebecca and Steve Sooy Graduate Fellowship in Marine Mammals  
 NSF Non-Academic Research Internships for Graduate Students (INTERN) Program
- 2024    Activating Innovative Graduate Research Award  
 ARCS Fellowship  
 Kathryn D. Sullivan Impact Award in Earth and Marine Sciences  
 Koret Scholar Mentoring Award  
 Physical and Biological Sciences Department Dean Travel Award
- 2023    Rebecca and Steve Sooy Graduate Fellowship in Marine Mammals  
 NASA Earth Science Applications: Ecological Conservation Impact Assessment Research Funding Proposal (team member on application)  
 Fisheries Collaborative Program's Fisheries Opportunity Fund  
 Koret Undergraduate Research Scholarship (team member on application)  
 Dr. Earl H. Myers and Ethel M. Myers Oceanographic and Marine Biology Trust Grant  
 Institute of Marine Sciences Student Research and Education Award
- 2021    NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program
- 2018    University of California Education Abroad Program (UCEAP) Undergraduate Research Award
- 2017    UCEAP Promise Award Scholarship
- 2016-2018    Dean's List

## Research Experience

- 2023 – Present    **Odontocete thermoregulation research assistant**  
Santa Cruz, CA
- Biologging data accessibility research assistant**  
Santa Cruz, CA
- 2020 – Present    **Integrative carnivore ecophysiology Ph.D. student**  
Williams Lab  
University of California, Santa Cruz

## **Research Experience (continued)**

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- 2023 – 2025    **Graduate student researcher**  
NOAA Southwest Fisheries Science Center  
Santa Cruz, CA
- 2020 – 2021    **Marine mammal stranding graduate student researcher**  
Santa Cruz, CA
- 2018 – 2020    **Bio-telemetry and behavioral ecology undergraduate research technician**  
Friedlaender Lab  
University of California, Santa Cruz
- 2016 – 2019    **The Marine Mammal Center volunteer**  
Moss Landing, CA
- 2018    **USGS southern sea otter population monitoring intern**  
Monterey, CA

## **Mentoring Experience**

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- 2021 – Present    **Undergraduate (and beyond) research mentor**  
Santa Cruz, CA  
*Student name, quarters involved:* Sam Bartosik-Velez, Fall 2023 - Spring 2025  
*Student name, quarters involved:* Merceline San Luis, Winter 2022 - Spring 2025  
*Student name, quarters involved:* Sarah Kramer, Spring 2024 - Winter 2025  
*Student name, quarters involved:* Josh Allyn, Fall 2023 - Fall 2024  
*Student name, quarters involved:* Audrey Sarin, Fall 2022 - Winter 2023
- 2023 – 2025    **Undergraduate thesis advisor**  
Santa Cruz, CA  
*Student name:* Sam Bartosik-Velez  
*Thesis title:* Comparing Thermoregulatory Strategies Between Atlantic Bottlenose Dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*) and Beluga Whales (*Delphinapterus leucas*)
- 2022 – 2024    **Peer-To-Peer Mentorship Program**  
Santa Cruz, CA
- 2023    **Doris Duke Conservation Scholar Program**  
Santa Cruz, CA  
*Student name:* Fanny Sanchez Villarreal  
*Project duration:* April 2023 - August 2023
- 2022    **More Active Girls In Computing**  
Remote

## **Public Service**

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- 2020 – 2023    **Santa Cruz Monterey Bay Area Subunit of the American Fisheries Society** President and Public Relations Chair  
Santa Cruz, CA
- 2023    **Spatial data analysis workshop** Co-organizer  
Santa Cruz, CA

## **Presentations**

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## Talks

- 1 E. Nazario, N. Lezama-Ochoa, M. Czapanskiy, H. Dewar, A. Preti, A. Fredston, M. Pinsky, M. P. Buil, and E. Hazen, "Dissolved oxygen and metabolic parameters improve species distribution models for a marine predator," Gordon Research Symposium: The Integration of Conservation in Movement Ecology, Ventura, California, 2025.
- 2 E. Nazario, M. San Luis, E. Hazen, A. Rhodes, N. Lezama-Ochoa, R. Seary, M. Cronin, and K. Seto, "Bridges and barriers to dynamic ocean management: Perspectives from scientists, managers, and marine resource users," PICES, Yokohama, Japan, 2025.
- 3 R. Seary, E. Nazario, H. Bailey, A. Sell, E. Hazen, S. Bograd, H. Welch, B. Muhling, D. Lawson, and A. Rhodes, "Assessing the efficacy and applicability of dynamic ocean management for the us west coast," NASA Biodiversity and Ecological Conservation Team Meeting, Washington, D.C., 2025.
- 4 E. Nazario, D. Christen, K. Flammer, K. Ford, T. Kendall, B. Tom, and T. Williams, "Physiological limits in the world's extreme divers: How marine mammals manage carbon dioxide accumulation and its effects on dive recovery," Biennial Meeting on the Biology of Marine Mammals, Perth, Australia, 2024.
- 5 E. C. Nazario, D. E. Cade, K. Bierlich, M. F. Czapanskiy, J. A. Goldbogen, S. R. Kahane-Rapport, J. M. van der Hoop, M. T. San Luis, and A. S. Friedlaender, "Measuring nares expansion reveals variability in breath area and duration," The World Marine Mammal Conference, Barcelona, Spain, 2019.

## Posters

- 1 E. Nazario, N. Lezama-Ochoa, M. Czapanskiy, H. Dewar, A. Preti, A. Fredston, M. Pinsky, M. P. Buil, and E. Hazen, "Physiological and environmental drivers of immature shortfin mako shark distributions in the southern California bight ecoregion," Bio-Logging Science Symposium, Tokyo, Japan, 2024.
- 2 E. Nazario, D. Christen, K. Flammer, K. Ford, T. Kendall, B. Tom, and T. Williams, "Physiological limits in the world's extreme divers: How marine mammals manage CO<sub>2</sub> accumulation and its effects on dive recovery," American Physiology Summit, Long Beach, California, 2023. ⚡ URL: <https://journals.physiology.org/doi/abs/10.1152/physiol.2023.38.S1.5728622>.

## Guest speaking events

- 1 E. Nazario, "Methods for investigating marine predator physiology and movement ecology," Comparative Anatomy, Hendrix College, Conway, Arkansas (Remote), 2024.

## Publications

### Articles

- 1 A. A. Ellis, J. N. Beck, E. A. Howard, A. L. Rabearisoa, E. C. Nazario, L. M. Alissa, S. Barasi, R. S. Beltran, G. Bernardi, K. Bernier, M. R. Cronin, *et al.*, "Coalition-building for labor actions in life sciences departments: Lessons from the largest academic strike in history," *BioScience*, biae123, 2024. ⚡ URL: <https://academic.oup.com/bioscience/article/75/2/152/7922959>.
- 2 J. S. John, D. R. Christen, K. L. Flammer, T. L. Kendall, E. C. Nazario, B. P. Richter, V. Gill, and T. M. Williams, "Conservation energetics of beluga whales: Using resting and swimming metabolism to understand threats to an endangered population," *Journal of Experimental Biology*, vol. 227, no. 5, 2024. ⚡ URL: <https://journals.biologists.com/jeb/article/227/5/jeb246899/344093>.
- 3 K. E. Dale, L. C. Goetz, K. M. Kobayashi, M. R. Lane, and E. C. Nazario, "Diverse voices in fisheries science: Lessons learned from an insightful seminar series," *Fisheries*, vol. 47, no. 6, pp. 241–244, 2022. ⚡ URL: <https://academic.oup.com/fisheries/article/47/6/241/7816655>.

- 4 E. C. Nazario, D. E. Cade, K. Bierlich, M. F. Czapanskiy, J. A. Goldbogen, S. R. Kahane-Rappoport, J. M. van der Hoop, M. T. San Luis, and A. S. Friedlaender, “Baleen whale inhalation variability revealed using animal-borne video tags,” *PeerJ*, vol. 10, e13724, 2022. ⓧ URL: <https://peerj.com/articles/13724/>.

## In review

- 1 S. Bartosik-Velez, E. C. Nazario, A. H. Reynolds, P. Chambault, T. L. Kendall, K. L. Flammer, D. R. Christen, and T. M. Williams, “Beyond the ridge: Rethinking thermal windows in beluga whales,” In review.
- 2 E. C. Nazario, H. Bailey, R. Rhodes, E. L. Hazen, S. J. Bograd, A. Sell, D. J. McCauley, M. F. Baumgartner, A. Širović, B. Abrahms, and R. Seary, “The role of species distribution models and data redundancy in implementing dynamic ocean management,” In review.
- 3 E. C. Nazario, M. F. Czapanskiy, M. L. Pinsky, D. R. Christen, K. L. Flammer, K. A. Ford, T. L. Kendall, B. Tom, S. Bartosik-Velez, J. Allyn, F. Sanchez Villarreal, and T. M. Williams, “The influence of carbon dioxide accumulation on integrative physiological recovery timelines in diving odontocetes,” In review.
- 4 E. C. Nazario, N. Lezama-Ochoa, M. Czapanskiy, H. Dewar, A. Preti, A. Fredston, M. Pinsky, M. P. Buil, and E. Hazen, “Dissolved oxygen and metabolic parameters improve species distribution models for a marine predator,” In review.