

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)

- 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

- 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


- 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

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 co₂ 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-Rapport, 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.