

Professional Summary

- Interdisciplinary bioinformatician with experience developing, managing, funding, and publishing various genomic research projects.
- Experienced with analysis of reduced-representation and full genomic sequences, using a broad approach to incorporate many types of data, resulting in 1 published and 2 submitted first author publications.
- Excellent communicator and experienced manager of students, volunteers, and other researchers.

Experience

2018 - Graduate Research Fellow

Present *University of Kansas*

- Wrote effective grant proposals and communicated with stakeholders as demonstrated by raising over \$150,000 in a fellowship and small grants to fund my PhD research
- Creative research development skills, resulting in novel host and parasite genomic research using machine learning techniques
- Excellent project management, managing other students to generate genomic data using thousands of lab samples for group projects
- Communicated complex research findings to the public by sharing work at one invited talk and 6 conference presentations
- Wrote and published technical reports in Journals, resulting in 2 first author articles under review and 2 published articles

2018 Graduate Teaching Assistant

University of Kansas

- Experienced managing large groups, having taught two courses including introductory biology and evolution

2014 - Student Research Associate

2018 *Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University*

- Led field research for three years, resulting in over 2,000 biological samples collected for disease surveillance
- Designed assays for disease detection using PCR and qPCR.
- Worked with community partners to gain financial support and access to biological samples

Education

ABD Ph.D. in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

2023 *University of Kansas, Lawrence KS*

2018 Masters of Science in Environmental Science

2018 Bachelors of Science in Environmental Science

Drexel University, Philadelphia PA

Selected Fellowships and Grants

2018 Graduate Research Fellow, *National Science Foundation*

2022 Ficken Research Award, *American Ornithological Society*

2021 Entomology Endowment Grant, *University of Kansas*

2021 Ornithology Department Grant, *University of Kansas*

Skills

- Unix/Linux command line
- Cluster computing
- R programming
- Data visualization
- DNA extraction
- Genomic library prep
- PCR/qPCR
- Next generation sequencing
- Team leadership
- Funding acquisition
- Project management
- Student mentorship
- Scientific communication
- Graphic design

Volunteer Positions

2022 - Present **Transport Monitor**
Pointer Rescue Organization

2019 - 2022 **STEM Advisory Council**
Girl Scouts of NE KS and NW MO