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Education

2005 PhD Biology (with distinction), University of New Mexico

1998 BA Biology (*magna cum laude*), Colorado College

Research and Professional Experience

2024- Professor, Dept. Wildlife Ecology & Conservation, University of Florida

2015-2024 Associate Professor, Dept. Wildlife Ecology & Conservation, University of Florida

2012-2015 Associate Professor, Dept. of Biology and Ecology Center, Utah State University

2007-2012 Assistant Professor, Dept. of Biology and Ecology Center, Utah State University

2005-2007 NSF Postdoctoral Fellow in Biological Informatics, Univ. of AZ & U.C. Merced

Fellowships and Awards

Moore Foundation Investigator in Data-Driven Discovery 2014-2023

NSF CAREER 'Young Investigators' Award 2010-2016

Kavli Frontiers of Science Fellow 2013

NSF Postdoctoral Fellowship in Biological Informatics 2005-2007

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship 2000-2005

University of New Mexico Biocomplexity Fellowship 2002-2004

Richard G. Beidleman Award 1998 (Colorado College)

Phi Beta Kappa 1998

Publications

Journal Articles

Ernest, S.K.M., L.A. Garner, B.G. Weinstein, P. Frederick, H. Senyondo, G.M. Yenni, and E.P. White. In press. Using time-series remote sensing to identify and track individual bird nests at large scales. Remote Sensing in Ecology and Conservation. [[Preprint](#), [Code \(analysis\)](#), [Code \(annotation\)](#), [Code \(workflow\)](#)]

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“Evaluating a general theory of macroecology using big(ish) data” February 8th, 2013. Michigan State University. [[Slides](#)]

“Evaluating a general theory of macroecology using big(ish) data” February 4th, 2013. University of British Columbia. [[Slides](#)]

“Frontiers of Macroecological Theory in Three Acts” February 1st, 2013. University of California Berkeley workshop on Frontiers of Macroecological Theory. [[Slides](#)]

“A MaxEnt theory for macroecology?” July 25th, 2012. Gordon Research Conference on the Metabolic Basis of Ecology. [[Slides](#)]

“Building a bigger macroscope”. June 9th, 2012. University of New Mexico. [[Video](#)]

“Understanding ecology at broad scales: macroecology, maximum entropy, and environmental informatics”. February 11th, 2011. University of Maryland.

“Understanding ecology at broad scales using macroecology and ecoinformatics”. March 30th, 2010. University of Wyoming.

“A metabolic zero-sum approach to community ecology?”. March 28th, 2008. Keynote speaker at 21st Annual Colorado College Biology Day, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Invited Workshops, Symposia, Panels, and Working Groups

“Environmental Data Science Summit: The Future of AI in Conservation & Management”. National Center for Ecological Analysis and Synthesis. Feb 4-6, 2025. Organizers: Ben Halpern, Elizabeth Wolkovich, Noam Ross, Amanda Whitmire, Susan Shingledecker, Dawn Wright, Dorris Scott

“Generative AI and STEM education”. Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. October 15-17. Organizers: Lorena Barba.

Ecological Forecasting Initiative, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Working Group. Remote. 2021.

“Ecological Forecasting Initiative 2020 Virtual Workshop: Coordinating the NEON-enabled forecasting challenge”. Remote. May 12-13, 2020. Organizers: Quinn Thomas and Jody Peters.

“UF/IFAS Faculty Forum: Living, Working, and Adapting to the New Normal of COVID-19”. University of Florida. April 23, 2020. Organizers: Rob Gilbert and Nick Place.

“NSF Biology Directorate Advisory Committee Subcommittee on NEON Community Engagement”. National Science Foundation. February-May 2019. Organizer: Stephanie Hampton.

“Education and Inclusion Panel”. Ecological Forecasting Initiative Conference. May 13, 2019. Organizers: Michael Dietze and Heather Lynch.

“Terrestrial Sampling Working Group”. National Ecological Observatory Network. Summer-Fall 2017. Organizers: Katherine Thibault and James Clark.

“NEON: Looking Back, Looking Forward Panel”. University of Florida Collaborations in Biodiversity Research Symposium. May 8th, 2017. Organizers: John Davis and Pamela Soltis.

“Wildlife Graduate Student Association Science Communication Workshop”. University of Florida. 2016. Organizer: Arjun Srivathsa.

“Moore Investigators in Data-Driven Discovery Symposium”. New York University. 2016. Organizers: Chris Mentzel, Carly Strasser, and Natalie Caulk.

“Lab Carpentry”. New York University. 2016. Organizers: Casey Greene, Titus Brown, Blair Sullivan. Matt Turk.

“Mozilla Science Lab Global Sprint”. 2016. Internet. Organizer: Abby Cabunoc Mayes.

“School of Natural Resources and Environment Publishing Panel”. University of Florida. 2016. Organizer: Richard Tate.

“Biodiversity Symposium”. 2016. University of Florida. Organizers: UF Office of Sustainability and the UF Biodiversity Institute.

“Moore Investigators in Data-Driven Discovery Symposium”. University of Washington. 2015. Organizers: Chris Mentzel and Carly Strasser.

“Moore Data-Driven Discovery Training Club”. University of California, Davis. Organizers: Tracy Teal, Titus Brown, Matthew Turk, Ethan White

“Ignite Session: Constraints in Ecology”. 98th Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of America. Organizers: Elita Baldrige and Ethan P. White. [[Schedule](#)]

“Israeli-American Kavli Frontiers of Science Symposium”. University of California Irvine. 2013. Irvine, CA. Organizers: National Academy of Sciences.

“Frontiers of Macroecological Theory”. University of California Berkeley. 2013. Berkeley, CA. Organizers: John Harte.

“Synthesizing Deep Time and Recent Community Ecology”. Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History Working Group. 2010-2011. Washington D.C. Organizers: A.K. Behrensmeyer, S.K. Lyons, and W.A. DiMichele.

“Tools and fresh approaches for species abundance distributions”. National Center for Ecological Analysis and Synthesis Working Group. 2006-2008. Santa Barbara, CA. Organizers: B. McGill, R.S. Etienne, J.S. Gray, and J.L. Green.

“Scaling Biodiversity”. Santa Fe Institute Workshop. 2004. Prague. (Invited Talk and Participant). Organizers: D. Storch, P.A. Marquet, J.H. Brown, and G.B. West.

“Species richness in space and time”. LTER sponsored working group. 2004. Albuquerque, NM. Organizers: W.K. Lauenroth, E.P. White, and P.B. Adler.

“Species richness in space and time”. LTER All Scientists Meeting Workshop. 2003. Seattle, WA. (Invited Talk and Participant). Organizer: W.K. Lauenroth.

“A Knowledge Network for Biocomplexity”. National Center for Ecological Analysis and Synthesis Working Group. 2001. Organizers: R.Waide, S. Andelman, M.R. Willig.

Interviews & Press

“Collaborative software development made easy” by Andrew Silver. October 4, 2017. <https://doi.org/10.1038/550143a>

“Frictionless Data Case Studies: The Data Retriever, An Interview with Ethan White” by Daniel Fowler. May 24, 2017. <http://frictionlessdata.io/case-studies/data-retriever/>

“Scientific computing: Code alert” by Monya Baker. Nature. January 2017. <https://doi.org/10.1038/nj7638-563a>

“Beyond the Lab: Ethan White, Ph.D.” by Aditi Risbud. Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation. April 15, 2016. <https://www.moore.org/article-detail?newsUrlName=beyond-the-lab>

“USU Ecologist Ethan White Explores Tech Tools to Tame Data” by Mary-Ann Muffoletto. October 2nd, 2014. <https://www.usu.edu/today/story/usu-ecologist-ethan-white-explores-tech-tools-to-tame-data>

“My digital toolbox: Ecologist Ethan White on interactive notebooks” by Richard Van Noorden. Nature. September 30, 2014. <https://doi.org/10.1038/nature.2014.16015>

Professional and Community Service

Grant Panels and Reviewing

National Science Foundation Panelist

Black Women in Computational Biology Panelist

Review of grant applications for NSF (United States), NSERC (Canada), NRF (South Africa), rOpenSci

Conference Reviewing

2025 Ecological Forecasting Initiative Annual Conference, EFI Futures Outstanding Student Presentation Award Judge

2017 International Workshop on Software Engineering for High Performance Computing in Computational and Data-Enabled Science and Engineering, Program Committee

Board Memberships & Affiliations

OpenAlex (formerly ImpactStory & OurResearch) Board of Directors (2014-present)
EarthLife Consortium, Board of Directors (2018-2025)
Ecological Forecasting Initiative, Fiscal Sponsorship Taskforce (2024)
Ecological Forecasting Initiative Elections Subcommittee (2021-2022)
Ecological Forecasting Initiative, Steering Committee (2021-2022)
Ecological Forecasting Initiative, Founding Board (2018-2021)
Biology and Environmental Data Education Network, Steering Committee (2018-2020)
The Carpentries, Executive Council (2018-2019)
University of Florida Biodiversity Institute, Advisory Board (2015-2023)
Public Library of Science, Data Guidelines Board (2015-2018)
University of Florida Informatics & Analytics Task Force (2017-2019)
Hypothesis, User Advisory Team (2015-2020)
Software Carpentry Foundation, Advisory Council (2015-2017)
Data Carpentry, Steering Committee (2015-2017)
Data Carpentry, Co-founder and Board of Directors (2014-2015)
Software Carpentry, Advisory Board (2012-2014)

Editorial Boards

Journal of Open Source Software (2025-present)
Journal of Open Source Education (2025-present)
PeerJ (2012-present)
PLOS ONE (2011-2015)

Manuscript Reviewing

Science, Nature, PNAS, PLOS Biology, Proceedings of the Royal Society B, Ecology, Ecology Letters, American Naturalist, Global Ecology and Biogeography, Journal of Animal Ecology, Journal of Ecology, Oikos, Frontiers in Ecology and the Environment, PLOS One, Bioscience, Bulletin of Mathematical Biology, Functional Ecology, Journal of Biogeography, Journal of Theoretical Biology, Theoretical Population Biology, Cambridge University Press, Acta Oecologica, Folia Geobotanica, Research Letters in Ecology, Geological Society of America, pyOpenSci, Journal of Open Source Software

External examiner of Ph.D. Theses: Macquarie University (2008)

Memberships

Ecological Society of America (1999-present; Open Science section; Long-term Ecology section; Inclusive Ecology section)
American Society of Naturalists (2000-present)
The Carpentries (2018-present)
Ecological Forecasting Initiative (2018-present)
American Association for the Advancement of Science (2020-present)
Sigma Xi (2025-present)

University Service

Advisory Board for UF Artificial Intelligence and Informatics Research Institute (2025-present)
WEC For All Committee, Department of Wildlife Ecology and Conservation, University of Florida (2023-present)
Seminar Committee, Department of Wildlife Ecology and Conservation, University of Florida (2023-2024)
Inclusion, Diversity, Equity & Access (IDEA) Committee, Department of Wildlife Ecology and Conservation University of Florida (2019-2023)
Diversity and Inclusion Committee, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, University of Florida (2019-2021)
Informatics & Analytics Task Force, University of Florida (2017-2019)
Ally Skills training organizer (2018-2019)
Seminar Committee, Department of Wildlife Ecology and Conservation, University of Florida (2016-2017)
Biodiversity Symposium Participant, University of Florida (2016)
Commencement Marshal, University of Florida (2015)
Advisory Board Member for Biodiversity Institute, University of Florida (2015-2023)
Promotion and tenure committees (member), Utah State University (2012-2014)
Adjunct appointment committee (chair), Utah State University (2011)
Faculty search committee (member), Utah State University (2011)
Staff search committee (member), Utah State University (2011)

Teaching

Courses Taught

[Data Carpentry for Biologists](#) (2015-present)
[Ecological Forecasting and Dynamics](#) (2016-present)
[Advanced Programming and Database Management for Biologists](#) (2011-2014)
[Introduction to Programming and Database Management for Biologists](#) (2010-2014)
Maximum Entropy in Ecology (2011)
Neutral Theories in Ecology (2010)
Biogeography (2008, 2009)

Workshops run (organized and/or taught)

Introduction to Geospatial Data Analysis in R and Application to Remote Sensing Based Tree Inventories from Neon Sites, Ecological Society of America Annual Meeting, August 14 2022
Ally Skills Workshop, University of Florida, February 21 2017
Data Carpentry, University of Florida, October 17-18 2016
Software Carpentry, University of Florida, August 17-18 2016
Software Carpentry, University of North Carolina, April 11-12 2016
Software Carpentry, University of Florida, March 23-24 2016
Software Carpentry, Utah State University, March 2015
Introduction to Git and Github, Gordon Research Conference on Unifying Ecology Across Scales, July 2014
Data Carpentry, National Evolutionary Synthesis Center at Duke University, May 2014
Introduction to Git and GitHub, Gordon Research Conference on Unifying Ecology Across Scale, July 2014
Introduction to Git and GitHub, University of North Carolina, April 2014
Software Carpentry, University of Victoria, April 2014
Software Carpentry, Ecological Society of American Annual Meeting, August 2013
Software Carpentry, CUAHSI Water Data Center, July 2013
Software Carpentry, Utah State University, March 2013

Software Carpentry, University of British Columbia, February 2013
Software Carpentry, University of North Carolina, October 2012
Software Carpentry, Utah State University, April 2012

Research Mentoring

Postdoctoral Associates

Katherine Thibault (2008-2011)

- After finishing: Vertebrate Ecologist at National Ecological Observatory Network
- Currently: [National Ecological Observatory Network Science Lead](#)

Daniel McGlinn (2011-2014)

- After finishing: Assistant Professor at the College of Charleston
- Currently: [Assistant Professor at the College of Charleston](#)

David Harris (2015-2018)

- Moore Data Fellow
- After finishing: Data Scientist at Wayfair
- Currently: Data Scientist at Wayfair

Jessica Coyle (2016)

- After finishing: Lecturer at Stanford University
- Currently: Assistant Professor at Saint Mary's College

Hao Ye (2017-present)

- Moore Data Fellow

Ben Weinstein (2018-2020)

- Moore Foundation Data Fellow

Josh Veitch-Michaelis (2025-present)

Graduate Students

Kenneth Locey (PhD; 2008-2013)

- Utah State University Eccles Fellow
- After graduating: Postdoctoral researcher at Indiana University
- Currently: [Assistant Professor at Diné College](#)

Xiao Xiao (PhD; 2008-2014)

- Utah State University Diversity Fellow
- After graduating: Postdoctoral research at University of Maine
- Currently: [Senior Data Scientist at Intuit](#)

Elita Baldrige (PhD; 2010-2015)

- Utah State University Dissertation Fellowship recipient
- After graduating: Independent scientist
- Currently: [Small Business Owner - Goat Breeder](#)

Kristina Riemer (PhD; 2013-2018)

- Outstanding Graduate Student in Wildlife Ecology and Conservation (2018-2019)
- After graduating: Scientific Programmer & Computational Trainer at University of Arizona
- Currently: Scientific Programmer & Computational Trainer at University of Arizona

Sergio Marconi (PhD; 2015-present)

- Fulbright Fellow, UF Biodiversity Institute Fellow, UF Informatics Institute Fellow

Shawn Taylor (PhD; 2015-2019)

- NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Honorable Mention

Virnaliz Cruz (PhD; 2018-2024)

- NSF Graduate Research Fellow

Alexander Blochel (PhD; 2025-present)

- UF CALS Deans Award

Undergraduate Researchers

Mikaelle Giffen (2008-2009)

- After graduating: Research Assistant at Quansys Biosciences
- Currently: Biologist I at Fresenius Medical Care

Clayton Bingham (2009-2010)

- After graduating: Founded a startup - [LitRoost](#)
- Currently: Senior Data Engineering and Analytics Consultant at Rouse Services and a graduate student at the University of Southern California

Ben Morris (2010-2012)

- NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates student
- After graduating: PhD Student at University of North Carolina; awarded an NSF Graduate Research Fellowship
- Currently: Senior Software Engineer at Machine Zone

Kari Norman (2014-2016)

- Utah State Honors Thesis
- After graduating: PhD student at UC Berkeley; awarded an NSF Graduate Research Fellowship and a DOE Computer Science Graduate Fellowship
- Currently: PhD student at UC Berkeley

Andrew Zhang (2016-present)

- Student Software Developer, Internships at Microsoft & Facebook

Akash Goel (2016)

- Google Summer of Code student
- After graduating: Software developer at Amazon
- Currently: Software developer at Amazon

Shivam Negi (2017)

- Google Summer of Code student

Sumit Saha (2018)

- Google Summer of Code student

Pranita Sharma (2018)

- Google Summer of Code student
- After graduating: MS student in Computer Science at North Carolina State University

Apoorva Pandey (2020)

- Google Summer of Code student
- After Graduating: Software Engineer at Datapane
- Currently: Senior Software Engineer at Prospeo.io

Alexis Irvin (2020-2021)

- NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates student
- After Graduating: PhD Student at Cornell
- Currently: PhD Student at Cornell

Brandon Grandison (2020-2021)

- NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates student
- After Graduating: PhD Student at University of Chicago
- Currently: PhD Student at University of Chicago

Marina Marquis (2022-2023)

- NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates student
- After Graduating: MS Student at University of Florida
- Currently: MS Student at University of Florida

Maya Gonzalez (2022-2023)

- NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates student
- After Graduating: PhD Student at University of Georgia
- Currently: PhD Student at University of Georgia

Graduate Student Committees

Renata Diaz (PhD), Dylan Steward (PhD), Dylan Sinnickson (PhD), Pablo Moreno (PhD), Anthony Melton (PhD), Leo Ohyama (PhD; partial), Ellen Bledsoe (PhD), Alicia McGrew (PhD), Sara Snell (PhD), Prabha Amarasinghe (PhD), Philippe Desjardins-Proulx (PhD), Erica Christensen (PhD), Martin Schilling (PhD, Utah State University), Zachary Brym (PhD, 2016, Utah State University), Jonathan Cardwell (PhD), Amy Croft (PhD), Jonathan Koch (PhD), Peter Mahoney (PhD), Sarah Supp (PhD, 2013, Utah State University), Lori Neuman-Lee (PhD), Daniel Olson (PhD), Gregory Vogel (PhD), Glenda Yenni (PhD, 2013, Utah State University), Chris Feldman (PhD, 2008, Utah State University), Ryan Choi (MS, 2011, Utah State University), Bridget Olson (MS, 2011, Utah State University), Lori Spears (PhD, 2011, Utah State University)

Software Development Mentoring

Google Summer of Code

Organization Administrator for NumFocus umbrella organization. 2015. Helped develop proposal for new NumFocus Google Summer of Code organization and helped run the organization during 2015.

Mentor. 2016-2026. Mentored more than a dozen Google Summer of Code students including students who are now employed at Amazon, Goldman Sachs, Deutsche Bank, and MathWorks.

Presentations

**undergraduate, *graduate student, +postdoc

White, E.P. and S.K.M. Ernest. 2025. Challenges & opportunities of scale in ecological forecasting. Ecological Forecasting Initiative Annual Meeting.

White, E.P. 2025. Overcoming Limited Labels in Airborne Biodiversity Monitoring. AI in Biodiversity Mini-Symposium. UF Artificial Intelligence and Informatics Research Institute. [*Invited*]

White, E.P. 2024. Airborne Monitoring of Nature Using AI. University of Florida HiperGator 3.0 Symposium. [*Invited*]

Bohlman S.A. et al. 2022. Individual tree characterization across diverse forest types of the US National Ecological Observatory Network: cross-site approaches yield information about multi-scale drivers. ForestSAT conference.

Simonis, J.L., E.P. White, S.K. Morgan Ernest. 2021. Evaluating probabilistic ecological forecasts. Ecological Society of America Annual Meeting.

White, E.P. Data Science and Forecasting Competitions in Ecology. 2020. Ecological Forecasting Initiative 2020 Virtual Workshop: Coordinating the NEON-enabled forecasting challenge. Remote. [[Video](#), *Invited*]

Bohlman, S., B. Weinstein, S. Marconi, S. Graves, A. Singh, A. Zare, D. Wang, E.P. White. Cross-Site Remote Sensing Algorithms Produce Continental-Scale Observations on Density and Allometry for 180 Million Trees. Society of American Foresters Convention, 2020.

Adler, P.B., E.P. White, M. Cortez. 2020. Developing theory about the predictability of nature: what, where, when and how? Ecological Society of America Annual Meeting, 2020. [*Invited*]

Marconi S., Weinstein B., Bohlman S., White EP. “Disentangling the role of phylogeny and climate on joint leaf traits distribution across Eastern United States”, American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, 2019.

Marconi S. Ethan White. Big Data in Ecology: Using HiPerGator to Disentangle the Effects of Climate on Millions of Trees. 2nd Annual HiperGator Symposium, 2019

Choi, H., Sadeghian, A., Marconi, S., White, E. and Wang, D.Z., 2019. Measuring Impact of Climate Change on Tree Species: analysis of JSDM on FIA data. NeurIPS 2019 Workshop: Tackling Climate Change with Machine Learning.

Sandboxing the pipeline: developing automated forecasting systems that facilitate model development Juniper L. Simonis, Glenda M. Yenni, Shawn Taylor, Erica Christensen, Ellen K. Bledsoe, Hao Ye, Ethan P. White, and S. K. Morgan Ernest [*Invited*]

Senyondo H. and E.P. White. 2019. The Data Weaver, A Package Manager for Integrated Datasets. SciPy.

White, E.P. 2018. NEON Investigator Panel and Q&A. National Science Foundation BIO Advisory Committee meeting. [*Invited*]

White, E.P. 2018. Software skills for data-intensive reproducible research. 102nd Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of America. New Orleans, LA. [[Slides](#), *Invited*]

White, E.P. 2018. Cross-scale ecological modeling using NEON the airborne observation platform and field data *in* NEON Resources for Your Research. 102nd Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of America. New Orleans, LA. [*Invited*]

*Riemer, K., B. Narayani, B. Stucky, S.J. Mayor, R.P. Guralnick and E.P. White. 2018. Weak impacts of climatic factors on intraspecific body size variation in endothermic species. 102nd Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of America. New Orleans, LA.

+Ye, H., E. Christensen, S.K.M. Ernest, J.L. Simonis, and E.P. White. 2018. Dynamic indicators of ecosystem resilience. 102nd Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of America. New Orleans, LA.

*Marconi, S., S.J. Graves, S.A. Bohlman, J.W. Lichstein, A. Singh, and E.P. White. 2018. Scaling up remote sensing fundamental unit: from pixel to crowns. Inferring forest structure and traits syndromes for each individual tree within NEON forest sites. 102nd Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of America. New Orleans, LA.

Simonis, J.L., G.M. Yenni, S.D. Taylor, E. Christensen, E.K. Bledsoe, E.P. White, and S.K.M. Ernest. 2018. Prediction and forecasting of portal fauna via particle filtration. 102nd Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of America. New Orleans, LA. [[website](#)]

*Taylor, S.D. and E.P. White. 2018. Evaluating a near term ecological forecast of plant phenology. 102nd Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of America. New Orleans, LA. [[website](#)]

White, E.P. 2017. Data-intensive approaches to forecasting biodiversity. 101st Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of America. Portland, OR. [[Slides](#), *Invited*]

*Riemer, K., R.P. Guralnick, and E.P. White. 2017. No general relationship between mass and temperature in endotherm species. 101st Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of America. Portland, OR.

Hurlbert, A.H., S.J. Snell, and E.P. White. 2017. Transient species are common: Implications for ecological inference. 101st Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of America. Portland, OR.

*Taylor, S., and E.P. White. 2016. Ecological forecasting and scale. Gordon Research Conference on Unifying Ecology Across Scale.

*Marconi, S., and E.P. White. 2016. Scaling up competition for light from leaf to ecosystem: a new framework to represent intra-crown plasticity for evergreen species. Gordon Research Conference on Unifying Ecology Across Scale.

*Riemer, K., and E.P. White. 2016. Questioning body size change as a response to climate warming. Gordon Research Conference on Unifying Ecology Across Scale.

White, E.P. 2016. Forecasting in Macroecology. NEON workshop on Operationalizing Ecological Forecasts. USGS Powell Center.

White, E.P. 2015. Data-intensive forecasting of ecological systems. Moore Investigators in Data-Driven Discovery Symposium. University of Washington. [[Slides](#)]

White, E.P. 2015. Facilitating data-intensive research in ecology. 100th Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of America. Baltimore, MD. [[Slides](#), *Invited*]

White, E.P. 2015. Comparing snapshot methods, time series analysis, and simple bench marks for forecasting biodiversity. 100th Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of America. Baltimore, MD. [[Slides](#), *Invited*]

Hurlbert, A.H., E.P. White, and B. Evans. 2015. Core versus transient species as a general framework for thinking about ecological assemblages. 100th Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of America. Baltimore, MD. [[Slides](#)]

Baldrige, E. and E.P. White. 2015. Ecologist in silico: Facilitating access for chronically ill/disabled ecologists. 100th Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of America. Baltimore, MD. [[Slides](#)]

Norman, K.** and E.P. White. 2015. Biodiversity prioritization: A comparison of data types. 100th Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of America. Baltimore, MD.

White, E.P., X. Xiao*, K.M. Thibault, D.J. McGlinn+, J.A. Kitze. 2013. Evaluating a general theory of macroecology using big data. 98th Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of America. Minneapolis, MN. [[Slides](#)]

White, E.P. 2013. Big data in ecology. 98th Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of America. Minneapolis, MN. [[Slides](#)], [[Full Talk w/Slides & Script](#), *Invited*]

Locey, K.J.*, and E.P. White. 2013. How species richness and total abundance constrain the distribution of abundance. 98th Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of America. Minneapolis, MN. [[Slides](#)]

McGlinn, D.J.+ and E.P. White. 2013. Connecting the environment to a maximum entropy prediction of the species-abundance distribution across continents and taxa. 98th Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of America. Minneapolis, MN. [[Slides](#)]

White, E.P., X. Xiao*, D.J. McGlinn+, K.M. Thibault. 2013. Evaluating and using general theories in ecology. Israeli-American Kavli Frontiers of Science Symposium. University of California Irvine. 2013. Irvine, CA. <http://doi.org/10.6084/m9.figshare.719779>

Wolf, P.G., K.E. Mock, E.P. White, H.S. Rai, and B.A. Richardson. 2013. Genotyping-by-Sequencing (GBS) for Population Genomics of Aspen (*Populus tremuloides*). Plant & Animal Genome XXI. San Diego, CA.

Xiao, X.* and E.P. White. 2012. The adequate currency for community-level energetic constraint based on Maximum Entropy. 97th Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of America. Austin, TX.

McGlinn, D.+, X. Xiao*, J. Kitze, and E.P. White. 2012. Testing the Spatial Predictions of the Maximum Entropy Theory of Ecology. Gordon Research Conference on the Metabolic Basis of Ecology.

Xiao, X.* and E.P. White. 2012. Testing the individual- and species- level energy distributions of the Maximum Entropy Theory of Ecology (METE). Gordon Research Conference on the Metabolic Basis of Ecology.

E.P. White, B. Morris**, S.K. Morgan Ernest, K.M. Thibault†, A.H. Hurlbert, A.J. Kerkhoff, Z.T. Brym*. 95th Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of America. Austin, TX.

J.R. Coyle, A.H. Hurlbert, E.P. White. 95th Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of America. Austin, TX.

K.M. Thibault+, E.P. White, X. Xiao*. 95th Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of America. Austin, TX.

S.R. Supp, X. Xiao*, S.K.M. Ernest, E.P. White. 95th Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of America. Austin, TX.

A.H. Hurlbert, Thibault, K.M., E.P. White, and S.K.M. Ernest. 2010. 94th Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of America. Pittsburgh, PA.

Xiao, X., E.P. White, M. Hooten, and S. Durham. 2010. Gordon Research Conference - Metabolic Basis of Ecology and Evolution, Biddeford, Maine.

A.H. Hurlbert, Thibault, K.M., E.P. White, and S.K.M. Ernest. 2010. Gordon Research Conference – Metabolic Basis of Ecology and Evolution, Biddeford, Maine.

Thibault, K.M., E.P. White, A.H. Hurlbert, and S.K.M. Ernest. 2009. 93rd Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of America. Albuquerque, NM.

White, E.P., B.J. Enquist, J.C. Stegen, S.C. Stark, and C.A. Price. 2008. 92nd Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of America. Milwaukee, WI.

Price, C.A., E.P. White, J.S. Weitz, and K. Ogle. 92nd Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of America. Milwaukee, WI.

Ernest, S.K.M, E.P. White, and J.H. Brown. 2008. 92nd Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of America. Milwaukee, WI.

White, E.P., B.J. Enquist, J.C. Stegen, S.C. Stark, and C.A. Price. 2008. Gordon Research Conference - Metabolic Basis of Ecology, Biddeford, Maine.

Ernest, S.K.M, E.P. White, and J.H. Brown. 2008. Gordon Research Conference – Metabolic Basis of Ecology, Biddeford, Maine.

White, E.P., A.H. Hurlbert, and S.K.M. Ernest. 2007. Macroecology of avian size distributions. 92nd Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of America. San Jose, CA.

Ernest, S.K.M, J.H. Brown, J.R. Goheen, K.M. Thibault, and E.P. White. 2007. 87th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Mammalogists. Albuquerque, NM.

White, E.P., B.J. Enquist, S.K.M. Ernest, and J.L. Green. 2006. 91st Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of America. Memphis, TN.

Ernest, S.K.M, J.H. Brown, J.R. Goheen, K.M. Thibault, and E.P. White. 2006. 91st Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of America. Memphis, TN.

White, E.P., B.J. Enquist, S.K.M. Ernest, and J.L. Green. 2006. Gordon Research Conference - The Metabolic Basis of Ecology and Evolution. Lewiston, Maine.

Ernest, S.K.M, J.H. Brown, J.R. Goheen, K.M. Thibault, and E.P. White. 2006. Gordon Research Conference - The Metabolic Basis of Ecology and Evolution. Lewiston, Maine.

White, E.P., and M.A. Gilchrist. 2005. 90th Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of America. Montreal, Canada.

Hurlbert, A.H., and E.P. White. 2005. 90th Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of America. Montreal, Canada.

Goheen, J.R., E.P. White, S.K.M. Ernest, J.H. Brown, J.F. Merritt, P.L. Meserve, N.A. Slade. 2005. International Biogeography Society Meeting.

Hurlbert, A.H., and E.P. White. 2005. International Biogeography Society Meeting.

White, E.P. 2004. Santa Fe Institute Scaling Biodiversity Workshop. Prague, Czech Republic.

Hurlbert, A.H., and E.P. White. 2004. Southwestern Association of Biologists Annual Meeting. Portal, AZ.

Lyons, S.K., F.A. Smith, P.J. Wagner, E.P. White, and J.H. Brown. 2004. Geological Society of America's Annual Meeting. Denver, CO.

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