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## EDUCATION

PhD, Ecology 2019 (expected)  
Colorado State University, Fort Collins  
Advisor: John McKay  
Dissertation: The biology, genetics, and evolution of drought tolerance in plants

BSc Biology, *cum laude* 2012  
Appalachian State University  
Advisor: Matt Estep  
Concentration: Evolution of centromeres in the *Andropogoneae*

## EMPLOYMENT

R Developer and Data Analyst 2017  
United States Geological Survey  
John Wesley Powell Center for Analysis and Synthesis, Fort Collins, CO

CO-OP in Plant Breeding and Genetics 2016 - 2017  
Cargill  
Specialty Seeds and Oil Innovation Center, Fort Collins, CO

Research Assistant 2013 - 2014  
Duke University, Durham, NC  
Herman Staats Lab, Pathology Dept

## PUBLICATIONS

Rockenbach K, Havrid JC, **Monroe JG**, Triant DA, Taylor DR, Sloan DB. 2016. Positive Selection in Rapidly Evolving Plastid-Nuclear Enzyme Complexes. *Genetics* 204:1507-1522.

**Monroe JG**, McGovern C, Lasky J, Beck J, Grogan K, McKay JK. 2016. Adaptation to warmer climates by parallel functional evolution of *CBF* genes in *Arabidopsis thaliana*. *Molecular Ecology* 15:3632-3644.

Mojica JP, Mullen J, Lovell JT, **Monroe JG**, Paul JR, Oakley CG, McKay JK. 2016. Genetics of water use physiology in locally adapted *Arabidopsis thaliana*. *Plant Science* 251:12-22.

Zhu M, **Monroe JG**, Suhail Y, Villiers F, Mullen J, Pater D, Hauser F, Jeon BW, Bader JS, Kwak JM, Schroeder JI, McKay JK, Assman SM. 2016. Molecular and

Systems Approaches towards Drought-tolerant Canola Crops. *New Phytologist* 210:1169-1189.

## FELLOWSHIPS

Vice President of Research Fellowship, CSU (\$4,000)	2017 - 2018
USDA-NIFA National Needs Fellowship (\$138,000)	2015 - 2018
Program in Molecular Plant Biology Fellowship, CSU (\$39,000)	2014 - 2015

## GRANTS

Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, NSF (\$19,760)	2017
Title: The evolution of plant drought tolerance and gene function across historic drought frequency gradients	
Evo-Devo-Eco Network Grant, Harvard University (\$3,000)	2016
Title: Variation in developmental and physiological responses to a gradient of water availability in <i>Brachypodium</i>	

## AWARDS AND HONORS

Graduate Degree Program in Ecology Travel Award, CSU (\$500)	2017
Ralph Baker Graduate Student Award for Research Excellence, CSU (\$500)	2017
NSF Graduate Research Fellowship (Honorable Mention)	2016
Ralph Baker Graduate Student Award for Research Excellence, CSU (\$500)	2016
PMPB Research and Scholarly Excellence Award, CSU (\$10,000)	2015
NSF Graduate Research Fellowship (Honorable Mention)	2015
GDPE Research and Scholarly Excellence Award, CSU (\$2,500)	2014
Frontiers and Techniques in Plant Science Workshop Scholarship, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory (\$750)	2014

## WORKSHOPS AND WORKING GROUPS

Genotype $\times$ Environment Interactions Workshop, participant Wageningen University, Wageningen, Netherlands	2015
microMORPH Phenotypic Plasticity Workshop, invited participant Harvard University Arnold Arboretum, Boston, MA	2015
Plasticity and Novel Environments Working Group, invited participant National Evolutionary Synthesis Center, Durham, NC	2015
Frontiers and Techniques in Plant Science, invited participant Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Cold Spring Harbor, NY	2014

## PRESENTATIONS

**Monroe JG.** 2017 The evolution of an important life history trait predicted by remote sensed drought frequency. Front Range Student Ecology Symposium. Fort Collins, CO.

**Monroe JG.** 2017. Using Nature to Nurture: uncovering the evolution of drought tolerance in wild plants. Three Minute Thesis Competition. Fort Collins, CO.

- Monroe JG.** 2016. Evolution of drought tolerance explored using global drought frequency map (poster). Graduate Student Showcase. Fort Collins, CO.
- Monroe JG.** 2016. A global map of drought frequency using the Vegetative Health Index (poster). Genomics of Adaptation to Human Contexts. Fort Collins, CO.
- Monroe JG.** 2016. Adaptation to warmer climates by parallel molecular evolution. Evolution 2016. Austin, TX.
- Monroe JG.** 2015. Patterns of locally adaptive altered function and divergence in cold response genes along a temperature gradient in *Arabidopsis thaliana*. Guild of Rocky Mountain Ecologists and Evolutionary Biologists. Boulder, CO.
- Monroe JG.** 2015. Evolution of the ABA signaling pathway in the Brassicaceae (poster). Evolution 2015. Sao Paolo, Brazil.
- Monroe JG.** 2015. Environmental variability and the evolution of locally adaptive drought responses. MicroMOPRH Phenotypic Plasticity Workshop. Harvard Arnold Arboretum. Boston, MA.
- Monroe JG.** 2015. Teaching plasticity by experiment: "EnvironMentoring" of a high school student (lightening talk) National Evolutionary Synthesis Center Plasticity and Novel Environments Working Group. Durham, NC.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Instructor

Software Carpentry Workshop, CSU 2016

Guest lecturer

ECOL 592: Principles of Data Visualization Using R and ggplot2, CSU 2016

## MENTORSHIP

Julio Flores - awarded college scholarship at national science competition 2014-2015  
Poudre High School

## SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT

**J Grey Monroe.** genemodel: Gene Model Plotting in R. R package version 1.1.0.  
<https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=genemodel>

**J Grey Monroe.,** Zachary Allen, Paul Tanger, Brook Moyers and Jack Mullen (2016).  
TSPmap: A Method Making Use of Traveling Salesperson Problem Solvers in the  
Construction of Genetic Linkage Maps. R package version 0.0.0.9000.  
<https://github.com/mckaylab/tspmap>