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Graduate Degree Program in Ecology
Colorado State University
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EDUCATION

PhD, Ecology — 2019 (expected)

Colorado State University, Fort Collins
Advisor: John K. 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

Monroe JG, Price N, McKay JK. 2017. Loss-of-function in *Arabidopsis thaliana* contributes to flowering time evolution along satellite detected drought frequency gradients. *PNAS*. Manuscript in review.

Monroe JG, Markman DW, Beck WS, Felton AJ, Vahsen ML, Pressler Y, McKay JK. 2017. Eco-evolutionary Dynamics of Carbon Cycling in the Anthropocene. *Trends in Ecology and Evolution*. Manuscript in review.

Monroe JG, Allen ZA, Tanger P, Mullen JL, Lovell JT, Moyers, Whitley D, McKay JK. 2017. *TSPmap*, a tool making use of traveling salesperson problem solvers in the efficient and accurate construction of high-density genetic linkage maps. *BioData Mining*. Manuscript in review.

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 *Brachypodium*

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 × Environment Interactions Workshop, participant 2015
Wageningen University, Wageningen, Netherlands

microMORPH Phenotypic Plasticity Workshop, invited participant 2015

Harvard University Arnold Arboretum, Boston, MA

Plasticity and Novel Environments Working Group, invited participant 2015
National Evolutionary Synthesis Center, Durham, NC

Frontiers and Techniques in Plant Science, invited participant 2014
Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Cold Spring Harbor, NY

PRESENTATIONS

Monroe JG. 2017. Plant adaptation along historic drought frequency gradients. Evolution 2017. Portland, OR.

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

Teaching Assistant
Molecular and General Genetics, CSU 2017

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