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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 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*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| Genotype by 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 Paulo, Brazil.
- Monroe JG.** 2015. Adaptation to warmer climates by parallel molecular evolution. Evolution 2016. Austin, TX.
- 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

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| Assistant Instructor | 2016 |
| Software Carpentry Workshop, CSU | |
| Guest lecturer | 2016 |
| ECOL 592: Principles of Data Visualization Using R and ggplot2, CSU | |

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>