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Graduate Degree Program in Ecology
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EDUCATION

PhD, Ecology (expected 2019) 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*

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

FUNDING

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

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

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.

PRESENTATIONS

- 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.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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| R Developer and Data Analyst, 2016 – 2017
<i>John Wesley Powell Center for Analysis and Synthesis</i> | United States Geological Survey
Fort Collins, CO |
| CO-OP in Plant Breeding and Genetics, 2016 – 2017
<i>Specialty Seeds and Oil Innovation Center</i> | Cargill
Fort Collins, CO |
| Research Assistant, 2013 – 2014
<i>Herman Staats Lab, Pathology Dept</i> | Duke University
Durham, NC |

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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| Assistant Instructor
<i>Software Carpentry Workshop</i> | 2016
Colorado State University |
| Guest lecturer
<i>Principles of Data Visualization Using R and ggplot2</i> | 2016
Colorado State University |

MENTORSHIP

Julio Flores - awarded college scholarship at competition in Washington D.C. 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>