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# Appointments and educational history

- 2021 22 NSF Postdoc Research Fellow The Rockefeller University, University of Cincinnati
- 2013 20 PhD, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

New Mexico State University

2007 - 11 **BS, Biology, Spanish** 

Haverford College

# Publications and accepted manuscripts

\*undergraduate mentee

- **7. Smith-Vidaurre, G.**, \*Perez-Marrufo, V., and T.F. Wright. (2021). Individual vocal signatures show reduced complexity following invasion. Animal Behavior, in press.
- **6. Smith-Vidaurre, G.**, Araya-Salas, M., and T.F. Wright. (2020). Individual signatures outweigh social group membership in contact calls of a communally nesting parrot. Behavioral Ecology, 31: 448-458.
- **5.** Araya-Salas, M., **Smith-Vidaurre, G.**, González-Gómez, P., Mennill, D., and T.F. Wright. (2019). Social group signatures in hummingbird displays provide evidence of co-occurrence of vocal and visual learning. Proceedings of the Royal Society B, 286: 20190666.
- **4.** Wright, T. F., Lewis, T. C., Lezama-López, M., **Smith-Vidaurre**, **G.**, and Dahlin, C. R. (2018). Yellow-naped Amazon (Amazona auropalliata) populations are markedly low and rapidly declining in Costa Rica and Nicaragua. Bird Conservation International, 29(2): 291-307.
- **3.** Araya-Salas, M., **Smith-Vidaurre, G.**, and M. Webster. (2017). Assessing the effect of sound file compression and background noise on measures of acoustic signal structure. Bioacoustics 28: 57-73.
- **2.** Hobson, E.A., **Smith-Vidaurre, G.**, and A. Salinas-Melgoza. (2017). History of nonnative Monk Parakeets in Mexico. PLOS ONE 12(9): e0184771.
- **1.** Araya-Salas, M. and **Smith-Vidaurre**, **G.**. (2016). warbleR: an R package to streamline analysis of animal acoustic signals. Methods in Ecology and Evolution 8: 184-191.

# Manuscripts in prep

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**Smith-Vidaurre, G.**, \*Perez-Marrufo, V., Hellmich, D. L., Hobson, E.A., Salinas-Melgoza, A. and T.F. Wright. Strong individual signatures persist in learned calls of a parrot following invasion.

**Smith-Vidaurre, G.**, Veale, A., Russello, M., Mudge, J., Sundararajan, A., and T.F. Wright. Origins of and selection in a biological invader.

Dahlin, C.R., **Smith-Vidaurre, G.**, Hellmich, D., Dupin, M., and T.F. Wright. Long term monitoring of cultural evolution in parrot vocal dialects.

## **Book chapters**

Russello, M.R., **Smith-Vidaurre, G.**, and T.F. Wright. Genetics of invasive parrot populations. *Naturalized parrots of the world: Distribution, ecology, and impacts of the world's most colorful colonizers*. Stephen Pruett-Jones (Ed). Princeton University Press, 2021.

### **Software**

Araya-Salas, M., **Smith-Vidaurre, G.**, and H. Zhong. 2015. warbleR: an R package to streamline bioacoustic analysis. URL: http://cran.r-project.org/package=warbleR.

# Fellowships and funding

NSF Broadening Participation Postdoctoral Research Fellowship	2021 - present
NMSU Whaley Fieldwork Award, Biology Department	2017
Fulbright Study/Research fellowship for fieldwork in Uruguay	2016
American Ornithologists' Union Carnes Award for fieldwork in Uruguay	2016
Private donation from Drs. Michael and Susan Achey to support PhD research	2014
NMSU College of Arts and Sciences Graduate Tuition Scholarship	2013 - 2017

#### **Awards**

NMSU Outstanding Graduate Award, College of Arts and Sciences	2020
NMSU Biology Department Graduate Award for Excellence in Research	2019
NMSU Graduate School Merit-Based Enhancement Award	2016, 2019
NMSU Biology Department Graduate Award for Excellence in Teaching	2016
NMSU Biology Department Star, College of Arts and Sciences Award	2016
Nominee for Thomas J. Watson Fellowship at Haverford	2011
Manuel J. and Elisa P. Asensio Prize for best senior thesis in Spanish	2011

Presentation Awards: NMSU Biosymposium Best Graduate Talk (2020), NMSU Biosymposium Best Graduate Poster (2015, 2018), NMSU Graduate Research and Arts Symposium (GRAS) Honorable Poster Mention (2015)

Travel and Diversity Awards: Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology (SICB: 2016, 2019), Animal Behavior Society (2015, 2019), NMSU College of Arts and Sciences (2015, 2019), American Ornithologist's Society (AOS: 2018, 2020)

#### Invited talks

Allee symposium competition. Resilience and sensitivity of learned vocalizations to social change. To be delivered at the 58th annual conference of the Animal Behavior Society

August 2021

Integrated Behavioral Research Group seminar. *Monk parakeet calls exhibit resilience and sensitivity to invasion*. Princeton Ecology and Evolutionary Biology.

Mar 2021

Coffee with Scientists talk with Fedorova, N. and Logan, C.J. *Understanding urban history from an ecological perspective*. Dept. of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Cambridge Nov 2020

Departmental seminar. Learned calls of monk parakeets exhibit sensitivity and resilience to invasion.

Dept. of Biological Sciences, University of Cincinnati

Oct 2020

Symposium talk with Russello, M.A. and Wright, T.F. *Genetics of invasive parrots: insights into origins, invasion patterns and adaptation.* Symposium titled *The global rise of naturalized parrots: status, lessons learned, and emerging issues,* North American Ornithological Conference

Aug 2020

Seminar delivered to ethology class. *Más allá de los genes: La evolución y los cambios ambientales producidos por hombre*, la Universidad de la República, Uruguay

Jun 2017

### **Presentations**

**Smith-Vidaurre, G.**, Perez, V., and T.F. Wright. Invasion influences the complexity of individual signatures in learned contact calls of a parrot. Talk, ABS

Jul 2020

**Smith-Vidaurre, G.**, Perez, V., and T.F. Wright. Patterns of vocal variation are conserved between a parrot's native and invasive range. Talk, NMSU Biosymposium

Mar 2020

**Smith-Vidaurre, G.**, Araya-Salas, M., and T.F. Wright. Social information differs among contact calls of three vocal learning species. Talk, ABS

Jul 2019

**Smith-Vidaurre, G.**, Araya-Salas, M., and T.F. Wright. Distinct social information in contact calls of three vocal learning species. Poster, Songbird and Animal Communication

Jul 2019

**Smith-Vidaurre, G.**, Araya-Salas, M., and T.F. Wright. Monk parakeets exhibit low acoustic convergence across social scales in their native range. Talk, SICB

Jan 2019

**Smith-Vidaurre, G.**, and T.F. Wright. Mapping patterns of vocal variation in the native range of an invasive parrot. Poster presented at:

NMSU Biosymposium

Feb 2018

American Ornithologists' Society

Apr 2018

Hobson, E.A, **Smith-Vidaurre, G.**, and A. Salinas-Melgoza. History of nonnative Monk Parakeets in Mexico. Talk, Ornithological Congress of the Americas

Aug 2017

Araya-Salas, M., **Smith-Vidaurre, G.**, Mennill, D. and T.F. Wright. 2015. Social group signatures provide evidence of learning in visual displays. Talk, ABS

Jun 2015

**Smith-Vidaurre, G.**, A. Veale, M.A. Russello and T.F. Wright. Identifying genomic evidence of adaptation to novel environments in an invasive parakeet (*Myiopsitta monachus*). Poster presented at:

• Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology

Jan 2016

• NMSU Biosymposium

Apr and Oct 2015

• New Mexico IDeA Networks of Biomedical Research Excellence Symposium

Mar 2015

• NMSU GRAS

Mar 2015

## Research experience

**Graduate research assistant**, The Ohio State University, Assessing vocal variation over social scales and evidence of vocal learning in vampire bats, with Dr. Gerry Carter

Jan – Aug 2020

**Graduate research assistant**, Jornada Basin Long-Term Ecological Research Station, Employing a Big Data approach in R to assess cyclical spatiotemporal disease occurrence, with Dr. Heather Savoy in Dr. Debra Peter's group

Jun 2018 – Dec 2019

**Visiting researcher**, Santa Fe Institute, Monk parakeet research collaborative visit, with Drs. Elizabeth Hobson and Alejandro Salinas-Melgoza 01 - 07 Nov 2016

**Graduate research assistant**, NMSU, Evaluating quasispecies diversity in dengue virus strains, Dr. Kathryn Hanley 21 May – Oct 2016

**Field research technician**, Pacific coast of Nicaragua, Assessing spatiotemporal variability in parrot vocal dialects, Drs. Tim Wright, Christine Dahlin

22 Jun – 12 Jul 2016

Sanger DNA Sequencing Graduate Assistant, NMSU Biology Department

Spring 2016

**Bioinformatics intern**, National Center for Genome Resources, Santa Fe, NM. Research internship in cutting-edge genomics and bioinformatics 16 Jun - 10 Jul 2015

**Visiting researcher**, University of British Columbia-Okanagan, Kelowna, BC, Canada. Restriction enzyme associated DNA sequencing (RAD-seq) bioinformatics, library prep, Drs. Andrew Veale, Michael Russello

7 Jul – 5 Aug 2014, 15 Jan – 26 Jan 2015

#### Avian field research technician:

- La Selva Biological Station, Sarapiquí, Costa Rica. Social learning in hummingbirds with Drs.
   Marcelo Araya-Salas and Tim Wright
   Jan Apr 2013
- RI Department of Environmental Management, Kingston, RI. Management research with 3 native duck species
   Nov 2011 – Mar 2012

**Undergraduate thesis**, Haverford College Biology Department.

Using acrylodan to probe oligomeric structures formed by the huntingtin N-terminus during aggregation,

Dr. Robert Fairman

Sep 2010 – Apr 2011

**Undergraduate thesis**, Haverford College Spanish Department.

Esta criatura no es de aquí: constelaciones de transformaciones y la invasión de la barbarie en 2666, Dr. Roberto Castillo-Sandoval Sep 2010 – Apr 2011

### **Professional development**

**Accepted** to Weaving the Future of Animal Behavior (WFAB) professional development workshop offered at the 58th annual meeting of Animal Behavior Society, 2021

**Received** instructor training to learn best practices for teaching coding to researchers at different experience levels, provided by the Carpentries community initiative

**Attended** mentor training with Wisconsin Institute for Science Education and Community Engagement through NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates mentoring program with Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratories, 2021

Attended NextProf Science 2021 virtual workshop, University of Michigan

Attended Complex Networks Winter Workshop, Jan. 3rd – Jan. 16th, 2021

Attended NextProf Science 2020 virtual workshop, University of Michigan

**Co-delivered workshop** *Packages for streamlined bioacoustics analyses in R*, AOS annual meeting, Tucson, AZ with Dr. Marcelo Araya-Salas, 10 Apr 2018

**Delivered workshop** *An introduction to coding and bioacoustics analyses in R*, Wright Lab, NMSU, 01 Mar 2018 – 16 May 2018 (weekly sessions)

**Delivered** workshop warbleR: a package for streamlined bioacoustic analyses in R, 1st Ornithological Congress of the Americas, Puerto Iguazú, Argentina, 7 Aug 2017

**Co-delivered** workshop *Taller de bioacústica: análisis de sonidos animales en R*, UCA, Managua, Nicaragua, with Dr. Marcelo Araya-Salas, 13-17 Jul 2017

**Attended** UCLA/La Kretz Center for California Conservation Science Workshop in Conservation Genomics, La Kretz Field Station, 20-24 Mar 2016

**Organized and delivered** one session of *Biology Graduate Student Organization R workshop*, NMSU Biology Department, 08 - 09 Nov 2015

**Co-delivered** workshop *Taller de bioacústica: análisis de sonidos animales en R y la aplicación en la biología de la conservación*, Organization for Tropical Studies Palo Verde Research Station, with Dr. Marcelo Araya-Salas, 14-19 Jul 2015

**Attended** NIMBioS *Graduate Workshop on Current Issues in Statistical Ecology*, National Institute for Mathematical and Biological Synthesis (NIMBioS), Knoxville, 15 – 17 Apr 2015

### **Teaching**

**Guest lecturer** for R course with Dr. Scott Ferrenberg, NMSU Biology (April 3rd , 2019) **Teaching Assistant**, NMSU Biology Department:

- BIOL 211: Cellular and Organismal Biology Lecture (Spring 2018)
- BIOL 309 and 350 (HHMI): Guided Biological Research (Fall 2016, Spring and Fall 2015)
- BIOL 211: Cellular and Organismal Biology Lab (Fall 2013, Spring 2014)

**HHMI Graduate Assistant** (designed active learning exercises), NMSU (Fall 2015, Spring 2017) **Substitute Teacher**, Moses Brown School, Providence, RI (Fall 2012) **Teaching Assistant**, Haverford College, Spanish Department (Fall 2010)

# Mentoring activities

Asterisks indicate students from underrepresented groups in science

Jasmine Brace\*: Data analysis, writing, dissemination of results, NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates Scholar with remote Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratories program

2019-20 Valeria Perez-Marrufo\*: Data collection and analysis, dissemination of results at local symposia and national conferences, Maximizing Access to Research undergraduate student (NMSU)

### **Service**

**Peer mentoring**: Women of Color in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (WOCinEEB), Animal Behavior Collective (ABC), Weaving the Future of Animal Behavior (WFAB)

**Journal reviewer**: Bioacoustics, Animal Behavior, Methods in Ecology and Evolution, Ecology, Ornithology

### Outreach

TED-Ed lesson on parrot vocalizations and mimicry accepted to be adapted for animation Nov 2020

**Twitter Takeover** of Animal Behavior Society account, Research findings in animal communication with monk parakeets, learning how to code in R, and upcoming postdoc research

Nov 2020

**Podcast interview about monk parakeets**, University of Southern California Annenberg Media, Liam Reilly

Nov 2020

**RLadies co-organizer**, Monthly virtual meetings about R coding from September to December 2020, El Paso chapter and Las Cruces community

Fall 2020

### Skype a Scientist:

Discussion with elementary school class

• LGBTIA+ LIVE Q and A session Jun 2020

Feb 2020

**Outreach volunteer**, Making DNA bracelets to link structure and function, Vista Middle School and Hillrise Elementary, Las Cruces, NM with Dr. Michèle Shuster

Jan 2018, Mar 2019

### Student panelist:

• Research Panel for New Mexico Alliance for Minority Participation Oct 2018

Fulbright Workshops with NMSU Honors College
 Feb, Nov 2018

**Outreach volunteer**, Evolution and bioacoustics hands-on exercise with Sierra Middle School students, organized by Dr. Tim Wright, NMSU Biology Dept.

Jan 2014, 2015, 2016

### Science fair judge:

• Desert Hills Elementary, Las Cruces, NM Nov 2015

Asombro Institute for Science Education, Las Cruces, NM
 Apr 2015

# Society memberships

Animal Behavior Society	2015, 2019, 2020
American Ornithologists' Union	2014, 2018, 2020
Society for the Study of Evolution	2018
American Genetic Association	2016, 2018, 2019
SICB	2016, 2018, 2019
Graduate Women in Science	2018
Sigma Xi	2016
RLadies	2019, 2020
GeoLatinas	2020 - present
Biology Graduate Student Organization office	2014 - 2016