Ian Breckheimer

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

2012 - PhD Candidate, Department of Biology, University of Washington.

2008–2011 Masters of Science in Ecology, UNC Chapel Hill.

2002–2006 Bachelors of Science in Biology, Guilford College, Greensboro, NC.

PhD Dissertation

Title Microclimates and Range Dynamics of Plants Under Climate Change

Supervisor Janneke Hille Ris Lambers

Description Combined data from microclimate sensors, repeat survey data, and field experiments to measure ecological and evolutionary constraints on range boundaries.

Professional Experience

August 2011 - **High School Support Teacher - Science and Math**, The Howard School, May 2012 Atlanta, GA.

Developed and led classroom and field activities in mathematics and science for 9th-12th grade students. Supervised after-school tutoring. Developed hands-on research projects with students on the influence of climate change on the timing of leafing and flowering in plants.

August 2008 – Teaching / Research Assistant, UNC Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC.

January 2011 Developed new conservation GIS tools in collaboration with the NC Sandhills Conservation Partnership. Teaching Assistant - Ecology and Evolution, Field Skills in Physical Geography, Water Resources Planning. Committee Chair - Ecology and Environment Seminar Series. 2011 Student representative - Curriculum for the Environment and Ecology faculty search committee.

January – Land Steward / Land Manager, Sandhills Area Land Trust, Southern August 2008 Pines, NC.

Conducted annual monitoring on conservation easements. Prepared biological surveys and baseline documentation for new projects. Collaborated with landowners to design conservation projects.

January – Rainforest Ecology Intern, School for Field Studies, Queensland, December 2007 Australia.

Conservation biology teaching/research assistant position for American undergraduate students in NE Queensland, Australia. Performed field surveys for birds, bats, and herps. Developed curriculum, led field exercises, and supported student research projects.

May – **GIS Watershed Planner**, *Piedmont Land Conservancy*, Greensboro, NC.

December 2006 Coordinated multiple stakeholders in the development of a Dan River Watershed Protection Plan to direct conservation funding in a 3-county region. Performed GIS land-use analysis using remote-sensing data. Developed skills with GIS, ArcHydro, Technical Writing, analysis of water quality monitoring data.

May – October Environmental Education Instructor, Haw River Program, Greensboro, 2006 NC.

Taught Wetlands Ecology, Forest Ecology, Orienteering, and Team Building Classes for school groups (4th-10th grade).

Publications

Krosby, M., I. Breckheimer, D. John Pierce, B.L. Cosentino, J. Schuett-Hames, P.H. Singleton, S.A. Hall, K.C. Halupka, W.L. Gaines, R.A. Long B. H.. McRae. In review. Focal species and landscape "naturalness" corridor models offer complementary approaches for connectivity conservation planning. *Landscape Ecology 30 no. 10, 2121-2132*

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Conference Presentations

Breckheimer, I., M. Krosby, P.H. Singleton, J. Pierce, B. McRae, R. Long, B. Cosentino, S. Hall, K. Halupka, B. Gaines, J. Schuett-Hames. Do connectivity models based on "naturalness" capture important habitat linkages for focal species? A case-study from the Pacific Northwest. Oral Presentation, 26th International Conference for Conservation Biology

Breckheimer, I and A Milt. Connect: new GIS tools to support modeling and management of landscape connectivity for wildlife. Poster Presentation. Ecological Society of America Annual Meeting, Austin, TX, August 2011.

Breckheimer, I, M Simon, JR Costanza, A Milt, DJ Bruggeman, A Moody. Modeling Red-Cockaded Woodpecker (*Picoides borealis*) habitat quality in fragmented landscapes: an application of low density discrete-return LiDAR. Oral Presentation. International Association for Landscape Ecology Annual Meeting, University of Georgia, April 2010.

Academic Honors / Awards

Guilford: High Honors, Departmental Honors, Clyde A. Milner Award, Tri-Beta National Brooks Award. UNC: Graduate Merit Fellowship UW: BEACON Award, Giles Award, NW Climate Science Center Fellowship, NSF Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant

Extracurricular Activities

Guilford: President, Outdoor Club, Forevergreen Environmental Club. UNC: Sandhills Conservation Partnership Participant, Habitat for Humanity Volunteer UW: DeltaC curriculum development project, Botany Greenhouse Docent, MeadoWatch data analyst.