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RESEARCH INTERESTS

I am an evolutionary and quantitative ecologist whose work focuses on developing a deeper understanding of species coexistence and patterns of diversity across spatial and temporal scales, and the underlying processes that drive, maintain and alter such patterns. I have a passion for science and for diversity and inclusion in education and research.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Ecology and Evolution 2013-2017
Universidade Federal de Goiás - Goiânia Goiás, Brazil
Dissertation: *Origin and assembly of Furnariides assemblages across space and time: the role of historical processes*
Advisor: José Alexandre Felizola Diniz-Filho

M.S., Wildlife Management 2006-2009
Universidad Nacional de Córdoba - Córdoba Córdoba, Argentina
Dissertation: *Determination of special protected areas for the conservation of migratory birds in the Mar Chiquita Reserve*
Advisors: Adrian H. Farmer and Enrique H. Bucher

B.A., Biology 2001-2005
Universidad Autónoma Gabriel René Moreno Santa Cruz, Bolivia
Distinction in All Subjects. *Cum Laude Honors*
Advisor: Teresa Ruiz de Centurión

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

UMN Presidential Fellow 2022-present
University of Minnesota, Department of Ecology Evolution and Behavior St Paul, MN, USA

Research Scientist 2020-2022
University of Minnesota, Department of Ecology Evolution and Behavior St Paul, MN, USA

Grand Challenge in Biology Postdoctoral Fellow 2017-2020
University of Minnesota, Department of Ecology Evolution and Behavior St Paul, MN, USA

Research Associate 2009-present
Museo de Historia Natural Noel Kempff Mercado Santa Cruz, Bolivia
Ad Honorem

Guest Lecturer 2012-2013
Carrera de Biología, Universidad Autónoma Gabriel René Moreno Santa Cruz, Bolivia

Visiting Researcher 2010-2011
Centro de Pesquisas do Pantanal, Universidade Federal de Mato Grosso Cuiabá, Bolivia

Intern 2003-2006
Museo de Historia Natural Noel Kempff Mercado Santa Cruz, Brazil

Bolivian Military Service 2000-2001
Air Force Santa Cruz, Bolivia

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- President's Postdoctoral Fellowship Program**, University of Minnesota, College of Biological Sciences 2022-present
- AAAS/Science Membership Award**, the American Association for the Advancement of Science Program for Excellence in Science 2020-present
- Sigma Xi, Membership**, SIGMA XI ($\Sigma\Xi$) the Scientific Research Honor Society 2021
- Grand Challenges in Biology Postdoctoral Program**, University of Minnesota, College of Biological Sciences 2017-2020
- CAPES PhD fellowship**, Coordination for the Improvement of Higher Education Personnel, Brazil 2015-2017
- OEA-CGUB Doctoral Scholarship**, Organization of American States (OAS) and the Coimbra Group of Brazilian Universities (GCUB), Brazil 2014-2015
- Master's Program in Wildlife Management**, US Wildlife Service, Universidad Nacional de Córdoba, Córdoba, Argentina 2006-2008
- ISSLR Membership and Travel Award**, International Society of Salt Lake Research 2011
- SWS Membership Award**, Society of Wetlands Scientists 2010-2013
- SCB Membership Award**, Society for Conservation Biology - A global community of conservation professionals 2007-2009
- Best Student Award for the Biology Major**, Universidad Autónoma Gabriel René Moreno, Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia 2005

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

FEDERAL GRANTS: *Total awarded USD 5,886,664*

NASA ROSES Biodiversity: Mapping changes in forest diversity and disease in North American temperate forests. 2021-2024

Role: Co-Investigator

Cavender-Bares, Jeannine (PI, UMN), Townsend, Philip (co-PI, UW). — **Award: USD 481,933.**

National Science Foundation, MSA: Integrating biodiversity observations with airborne and satellite data to predict shifts in assemblage diversity and composition under global change. 2020-2023

Role: Principal Investigator

Pinto-Ledezma, Jesús N. (PI, UMN), Cavender-Bares, Jeannine (co-PI, UMN). — **Award: USD 299,375.**

National Science Foundation, BII Implementation: The causes and consequences of plant biodiversity across scales in a rapidly changing world. 2020-2025

Role: Co-Investigator

Cavender-Bares, Jeannine (PI, UMN), Townsend, Philip (co-PI, UW), Reich, Peter (co-PI, UMN), José E. Meireles (co-PI, UMaine), Amy Trowbridge (co-PI, UW). More information at: <https://www.spectralbiology.org>. — **Total award: USD 12,5000,000.** Awarded to date: USD 5,105,356.

NON-FEDERAL GRANTS: *Total awarded USD 188,508*

University of Minnesota, President's Postdoctoral Fellowship Program: Dispersal as a bridge between ecology, evolution, and behavior. 2022-2024

Role: Presidential Fellow

— **Award: USD 162,281.**

College of Biological Sciences, UMN, Grand Challenges in Biology Postdoctoral Fellowship: Evaluating the roles of ecological and historical processes in biological invasions. 2017-2020
Role: Postdoctoral Fellow
— **Award: USD 157,500.**

Academia Nacional de Ciencias de Bolivia, Capitulo Santa Cruz: Amphibians as a model of biological control in agricultural areas of central Santa Cruz, Bolivia. 2016-2017
Role: Co-Principal Investigator
Pinto, Marco Aurelio (PI), **Pinto-Ledezma, Jesús N.** (Co-PI). — **Award: USD 1,500.**

Rufford Foundation: Rescuing the biodiversity of the Cerro Mutún: a basis for generation the conservation measures for Bolivian biodiversity. 2016-2017
Role: Co-Principal Investigator
Villarroel, Daniel (PI), **Pinto-Ledezma, Jesus N.** (Co-PI). — **Award: USD 7,674.**

Rufford Foundation: Long-Term Effects of Habitat Modification on Amphibians in the Yungas and Inter-Andean Dry Valley Ecoregions. 2013-2014
Role: Co-Principal Investigator
Sosa, Ronald (PI), **Pinto-Ledezma, Jesús N.** (Co-PI). — **Award: USD 6,568.**

Rufford Foundation: The Hyacinth Macaw Program: Population Status and Conservation of the Hyacinth Macaw. 2013-2014
Role: Principal Investigator
Pinto-Ledezma, Jesús N. (PI). — **Award: USD 7,168.**

Academia Nacional de Ciencias de Bolivia, Capítulo Santa Cruz: Analysis of effect of the land use change on amphibian communities in the Mutun region. 2012-2013
Role: Principal Investigator
Pinto-Ledezma, Jesús N. (PI). — **Award: USD 1,500.**

Academia Nacional de Ciencias de Bolivia, Capítulo Santa Cruz: Areas for the conservation of the Hyacinth macaw. 2011-2012
Role: Principal Investigator
Pinto-Ledezma, Jesús N. (PI). — **Award: USD 1,500.**

Rufford Foundation: Testing a Habitat Model for the Hyacinth macaw (*Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus*) and Mapping HS for the Species in Protected Areas in Bolivian Pantanal. 2009-2011
Role: Principal Investigator
Pinto-Ledezma, Jesús N. (PI). — **Award: USD 5,098.**

PUBLICATIONS

As of June 2022, I have published 24 articles in indexed journals, 11 articles in other peer-reviewed journals (non-indexed journals), 4 peer-reviewed book chapters and 4 non peer-reviewed book chapters.

**Undergraduate student*

24. Arango, A., **J.N. Pinto-Ledezma**, O. Soto-Rojas, A.M. Lindsay, Ch.D. Mendenhall and F. Villalobos. (2022). Hand-Wing Index as a surrogate for dispersal: the case of the Emberizoidea radiation. *Biological Journal of the Linnean Society* (accepted).

23. Rueda-Cediel, P., R. Brain, N. Galic, **J.N. Pinto-Ledezma**, A. Rico and V. Forbes. (2022). Using life-history trait variation to inform ecological risk assessments for threatened and endangered plant species. *Integrated Environmental Assessment and Management*, 4615.

22. Fontes, C., **J.N. Pinto-Ledezma**, A.L. Jacobsen, R.B. Pratt and J. Cavender-Bares. (2022). Adaptive variation among oaks in wood anatomical properties is shaped by climate of origin and shows limited plasticity across environments. *Functional Ecology*, 36(2): 326-340.

21. Chaplin-Kramer, R., K.A. Brauman, J. Cavender-Bares, S. Díaz, G.T. Duarte, B.J. Enquist, L.A. Garibaldi, J. Geldmann, B.S. Halpern, T.W. Hertel, C.K. Khoury, J.M. Krieger, S. Lavorel, T. Mueller, R.A. Neugarten, **J.N. Pinto-Ledezma**, S. Polasky, A. Purvis, V. Reyes-García, P.R. Roehrdanz, L.J. Shannon, M.R. Shaw, B.N. Strassburg, J.M. Tylianakis, P.H. Verburg, P. Visconti and N. Zafra-Calvo. (2022). Conservation needs to integrate knowledge across scales. *Nature Ecology and Evolution*, 6: 118-119.
20. **Pinto-Ledezma, J.N.** and J. Cavender-Bares. (2021). Predicting species distributions and community composition using satellite remote sensing predictors. *Scientific Reports*, 11: 16448.
19. Cavender-Bares, J., P. Reich, P.A. Townsend, A. Banerjee, E. Butler, A. Desai, A. Gevens, S. Hobbie, F. Isbell, E. Laliberté, J.E. Meireles, H. Menninger, R.P. Pavlick, **J.N. Pinto-Ledezma**, C. Potter, M.C. Schuman, N. Springer, A. Stefanski, P. Trivedi, A. Trowbridge, L. Williams, C.G. Willis and Y. Yang. (2021). BII-Implementation: The causes and consequences of plant biodiversity across scales in a rapidly changing world. *Research Ideas and Outcomes*, 7: e63850.
18. **Pinto-Ledezma, J.N.**, F. Villalobos, P. Reich, J. Catford, D. Larkin and J. Cavender-Bares. (2020). Testing Darwin's naturalization conundrum based on taxonomic, phylogenetic and functional dimensions of vascular plant diversity. *Ecological Monographs*, 90(4): e01420.
17. Cavender-Bares, J., C. Fontes and **J.N. Pinto-Ledezma**. (2020). Open questions in understanding the adaptive significance of plant functional trait variation within a single lineage. *New Phytologist*, 227(3): 659-663.
16. **Pinto-Ledezma, J.N.**, A.E. Jahn, V.R. Cueto, J.A.F. Diniz-Filho and F. Villalobos. (2019). Drives of phylogenetic assemblage structure of the Furnariides, a widespread clade of lowland Neotropical birds. *The American Naturalist*, 193(2): E41-E56.
15. **Pinto-Ledezma, J.N.**, D. Larkin and J. Cavender-Bares. (2018). Patterns of beta diversity of vascular plants and their correspondence with biome boundaries across North America. *Frontiers in Ecology and Evolution*, 6: 194.
14. Pereira, E., **J.N. Pinto-Ledezma**, C. de Freitas, F. Villalobos, R. Collevati and N. Medeiros. (2017). Evolution of anuran foam nest: trait conservatism and lineage diversification. *Biological Journal of the Linnean Society* 122(4): 814-823.
13. **Pinto-Ledezma, J.N.**, L. Simon, J.A.F. Diniz-Filho and F. Villalobos. (2017) The geographic diversification of Furnariides: the role of forest versus open habitats in driving species richness gradients. *Journal of Biogeography*, 44(8): 1683-1693.
12. Cseko, E., W. Franca-Rocha, T. Moura and **J.N. Pinto-Ledezma**. (2017). New range limit of the Broad-tipped Hermit (*Anopetia gounellei*, Aves: Trochilidae): the state of art and a review on the range area. *Pápeis avulsos de Zoologia*, 57(21): 275-285.
11. *Sosa R., Ch. Schalk, L. Braga and **J.N. Pinto-Ledezma**. (2015). Geographic Distribution: *Rhinella amboroensis* (Cochabamba toad) *Herpetological Review*, 46(2): 214.
10. **Pinto-Ledezma, J.N.** and *M.L. Rivero. (2014) Temporal patterns of deforestation and fragmentation in Lowland Bolivia: Implications for climate change. *Climatic Change*, 127: 43-54.
9. **Pinto-Ledezma, J.N.**, V.X. Sandoval, V.N. Pérez, T.J. Caballero, *K. Mano, *M.A. Pinto and *R. Sosa. (2014). A spatial explicit habitat model for the Hyacinth Macaw (*Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus*) in the Bolivian Pantanal (Santa Cruz, Bolivia). *Ecología en Bolivia*, 49(2): 1605-2528.
8. Jahn A.E., D.J. Levey, V. Cueto, **J.N. Pinto-Ledezma**, D. Tuero, J.W. Fox and D. Masson. (2013). Patterns of long-distance bird migration in South America as revealed by light-level geolocators. *The Auk*, 130(2): 223-229.

7. Jahn A.E., V. Cueto, J.W. Fox, M.S. Husak, **J.N. Pinto-Ledezma**, D.H. Kim, D.V. Landoll, H.K. Lepage, D.J. Levey, M.T. Murphy and R.B. Renfrew. (2013) Migration timing and wintering areas of three species of Tyrannus flycatchers breeding in the great plains of North America *The Auk*, 130(2): 247-257.
6. *Sosa R., Ch. Schalk, L. Braga and **J.N. Pinto-Ledezma**. (2013). *Micrurus serranus* (NCN) diet. *Herpetological Review*, 44(1): 155.
5. *Sosa R., Ch. Schalk, L. Braga and **J.N. Pinto-Ledezma**. (2013). *Phylodryas psammohidea* (Gunther's green racer) diet. *Herpetological Bulletin*, 124: 24.
4. *Sosa R., Ch. Schalk, L. Braga and **J.N. Pinto-Ledezma**. (2012). *Clelia langeri* (NCN) diet. *Herpetological Review*, 43(4): 657.
3. Jahn A.E., **J.N. Pinto-Ledezma**, A.M. Mamani, L.W. De Groote and D.J. Levey. (2010). Patterns of home range size and habitat occupancy of Tropical Kingbird (*Tyrannus m. melancholicus*) in the southern Amazon Basin. *Ornitología Neotropical*, 12: 39-46.
2. **Pinto-Ledezma, J.N.** and T. Ruiz de Centurión. (2010). Deforestation and fragmentation patterns 1976-2006 in San Julian district (Santa Cruz, Bolivia). *Ecología en Bolivia*, 45(2): 101-115.
1. Villarroel D., **J.N. Pinto-Ledezma**, T. Ruiz de Centurión and A. Parada. (2009) Relationship between the woody cover and herbs richness in three Cerrado *sensu lato* physiognomies (Cerro Mutún, Santa Cruz, Bolivia). *Ecología en Bolivia*, 44(2): 83-98.

BOOK CHAPTERS:

4. **Pinto-Ledezma, J.N.** and J. Cavender-Bares. (2020). Using remote sensing for modeling and monitoring species distributions. In Cavender-Bares, J., J. Gamon and P. Townsend (Eds.) *Remote Sensing of Plant Biodiversity. Springer Remote Sensing/Photogrammetry Series*.
3. Cavender-Bares, J., A. Schweiger, **J.N. Pinto-Ledezma** and J.E. Meireles. (2020). Applying remote sensing to biodiversity science. In Cavender-Bares, J., J. Gamon and P. Townsend (Eds.) *Remote Sensing of Plant Biodiversity. Springer Remote Sensing/Photogrammetry Series*.
2. Villalobos, F., **J.N. Pinto-Ledezma** and J.A.F. Diniz-Filho. (2020). Evolutionary macroecology and the geographical patterns of Neotropical diversification. In Rull, V. and A.C. Carnaval (Eds.) *Neotropical diversification: patterns and processes. Springer Nature AG*.
1. Contributing author in: Cavender-Bares, J. et al. Chapter 3 Status and trends of biodiversity and ecosystem functions underpinning nature's benefit to people. In IPBES (2018): *The IPBES regional assessment report on biodiversity and ecosystem services for the Americas*. 207-362 Pp. Rice et al. (Eds). *Secretariat of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, Bonn, Germany*.

PAPERS IN OTHER PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS:

11. **Pinto-Ledezma, J.N.**, M.A. Montenegro and D. Villarroel. (2017). Historia Natural del Cerro Mutún V: la avifauna. *Kempffiana*, 13(2): 10-28.
10. Villarroel, D., G. Aramayo, M. Martínez, C. Proença, C. Munhoz, B. Klitgaard, **J.N. Pinto-Ledezma** and M. Nee. (2017) Historia Natural del Cerro Mutún VI: flora y vegetación, checklist, estado de conservación y nuevos registros para Bolivia. *Kempffiana*, 13(2): 29-74.
9. *Pinto, M.A., *K. Mano-Cuellar, D. Villarroel and **J.N. Pinto-Ledezma**. (2017). Historia Natural del Cerro Mutún IV: la herpetofauna. *Kempffiana*, 13(1): 116-128.
8. **Pinto-Ledezma, J.N.** and D. Villarroel. (2016). Historia Natural del Cerro Mutún I: síntesis geográfica, geofísica, climática y socioeconómica. *Kempffiana*, 12(2): 29-38.

7. *Pinto, M.A. and **J.N. Pinto-Ledezma**. (2015). Listado preliminar de anfibios de la propiedad Benevento (Santa Cruz, Bolivia). *Kempffiana*, 11(1): 23-27.
6. *Pinto M.A., D. García, K. Mano and **J.N. Pinto-Ledezma**. (2015). Listado de anfibios y reptiles de la propiedad Juan Deriba, Santa Cruz, Bolivia. *Kempffiana*, 11(1): 70-75.
5. *Mano K., *M.A. Pinto, *R. Sosa, D. Villarroel and **J.N. Pinto-Ledezma**. (2015). Reptile fauna of the Mutún region (Santa Cruz department, Bolivia): species list and conservation status. *Kempffiana*, 11(1): 66-69.
4. **Pinto-Ledezma, J.N.**, T.J. Caballero, B. Flores, V.N. Perez, *K. Mano and *M.A. Pinto. (2014). Lista preliminar de las aves de la propiedad Juan Deriba, Santa Cruz, Bolivia. *Kempffiana*, 10(2): 1-11.
3. *Sosa R., L. Braga and **J.N. Pinto-Ledezma**. (2014). The amphibian fauna of the Southwest Amboró National Park, Santa Cruz, Bolivia. *Kempffiana*, 10(2): 31-35.
2. **Pinto-Ledezma, J.N.** and M.A. Aponte. (2013) Algunas notas sobre la reproducción de aves en la Reserva de Vida Silvestre Ríos Blanco y Negro. *Kempffiana*, 9(1): 21-25.
1. **Pinto-Ledezma, J.N.**, R. Sosa, M. Paredes, I. García, D. Villarroel and S. Muyucundo. (2011). The Hyacinth macaw (*Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus*): population status and its conservation in Bolivian Pantanal. *Kempffiana*, 7(2): 15-37..

NON PEER-REVIEWED BOOK CHAPTERS:

4. Mostacedo B., M., Toledo, D. Villarroel, **J.N. Pinto-Ledezma**, G. Carreño-Rocabado, B. Flores and Y. Uslar. (2014). Memorias del IV Congreso Boliviano de Ecología. 4-6 de Junio 2014. Universidad Autónoma Gabriel Rene Moreno, Santa Cruz, Bolivia.
3. Perotto-Baldivieso H.L., K. Riverro, **J.N. Pinto-Ledezma** and A.B. Gill. (2012). Distributing biodiversity data through the web: The Geospatial Center for Biodiversity in Bolivia. 1252-1258 pp. In: Embrapa Informática Agropecuária/INPE. Anais 4º Simpósio de Geotecnologias no Pantanal. *Instituto Nacional de Pesquisas Espaciais*.
2. Azurduy H. and **J.N. Pinto-Ledezma**. (2012). El escenario ecológico y geográfico. 6-13 pp. In: Azurduy and Rivero (Eds). Historia Natural de la Serranía Incahuasi. NHNNKM-Total. *Museo de Historia Natural Noel Kempff Mercado*.
1. Villarroel D., L. Arroyo and **J.N. Pinto-Ledezma**. (2009). La vegetación de Bella Vista. 45-68 Pp. In: Arroyo and Churchill (Eds). Investigaciones botánicas en la región de Bella Vista, departamento de Santa Cruz, Bolivia: una base para la conservación. *Museo de Historia Natural Noel Kempff and Missouri Botanical Garden*.

PUBLICATIONS (IN REVIEW OR REVISION)

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7. Souza, K., D. Fortunato, L. Jardim, L.C. Terribile, M. Lima-Ribeiro, C. Mariano, **J.N. Pinto-Ledezma**, L. M. Bini, R. Loyola, R. Dobrovolski, T.F.L.V.B. Rangel, I.F. Machado, T. Rocha, M.C. Batista, M.L. Lorini, M.M. Vale, C.A. Navas, N.M. Maciel, F. Villalobos, M.A. Olalla-Tarraga, J.F.M. Rodrigues, S. Gouveia and J.A.F. Diniz-Filho. (In review). Evolutionary rescue and geographic range shifts under climate change for global amphibians. *Frontiers in Ecology and Evolution*.
 6. Meltesen, K.M., E.T. Whiting, **J.N. Pinto-Ledezma**, T.S. Cicak, and D.L. Fox. (In review). Deconstructing the latitudinal diversity gradient of North American mammals by nominal order. *Journal of Mammalogy*.
 5. **J.N. Pinto-Ledezma**, S. Díaz, B.S. Halpern, C. Khoury and J. Cavender-Bares. (In review). No branch left behind: tracking terrestrial biodiversity from a phylogenetic completeness perspective.

Frontiers in Ecology and the Environment. Available online at: <https://www.biorxiv.org/content/10.1101/2022.05.09.491174v1.full>.

4. Mendes, L., **J.N. Pinto-Ledezma**, T.F.L.V.B. Rangel and R. Dunn. (Second revision). Urban warming inverse contribution on risk of dengue transmission in the southeastern North America. *Proceedings of the Royal Society: Biological Sciences*. Available online at: <https://www.biorxiv.org/content/10.1101/2020.01.15.908020v1>. (Resubmitted)

3. Velasco, J.A., G. Campillo-García, **J.N. Pinto-Ledezma**, and O. Villela-Flores. (First revision) Spatiotemporal dimensions of a reproductive life history trait in a spiny lizard radiation (Squamata: Phrynosomatidae). *Evolution*. Available online at: <https://www.biorxiv.org/content/10.1101/2020.06.17.157891v1>.

2. Arango, A., **J.N. Pinto-Ledezma**, O. Soto-Rojas and F. Villalobos. (First revision). Evidences of widespread sympatry as the main driver of diversification for Emberizoidea (Aves). *Journal of Biogeography*.

1. Velasco, J.A. and **J.N. Pinto-Ledezma**. (In review). Mapping diversification metrics in macroecological studies: prospects and challenges. *Frontiers in Ecology and Evolution*. Available online at: <https://www.biorxiv.org/content/early/2018/02/08/261867.1>.

TEACHING AND ADVISING

CORE TEACHING:

University of Minnesota: Department of Ecology, Evolution & Evolution

EEB 3534: **Biodiversity Science** (Instructor of record)

Spring 2021

EEB 5534: **Biodiversity Science** (Instructor of record)

Spring 2021

Lab material at: <https://jesusnpl.github.io/teaching/>

EEB 3534: **Biodiversity Science** (Instructor of record)

Spring 2020

EEB 5534: **Biodiversity Science** (Instructor of record)

Spring 2020

Lab material at: <https://github.com/jesusNPL/BiodiversityScience/Spring2020>

EEB 5534: **Biodiversity Science** (Instructor of record)

Spring 2019

EEB 3534: **Biodiversity Science** (Instructor of record)

Spring 2019

Lab material at: <https://github.com/jesusNPL/BiodiversityScience/Spring2019>

Universidade Federal de Goiás: Department of Ecology

Phylogenetic Comparative Methods (Teaching Assistant)

Spring 2016

Lab material at: <http://dinizfilho.wixsite.com/dinizfilholab/>

Universidad Autónoma Gabriel René Moreno: Carrera de Biología

ZOO 344: **Vertebrate Zoology** (Guest Lecturer)

Spring 2012, 2013

Landscape Ecology (Guest Lecturer)

Spring 2015, 2017

Master en Manejo de Recursos Naturales y Medio Ambiente

ADDITIONAL TEACHING:

University of Minnesota: Department of Fisheries, Wildlife and Conservation Biology

Introduction to patterns of biodiversity (Guest Lecturer)

Oct, 2019

Lab material at: <https://github.com/jesusNPL/LargeScale>

Universidad Autónoma Gabriel René Moreno: Carrera de Biología

ZOO 344: **Vertebrate Zoology** (Teaching Assistant)

Spring 2003-2005, Fall 2003-2005

Six semesters

Universidad Autónoma Gabriel René Moreno: Department of Botany

Introduction of statistics (Instructor)

Mar, 2012, 2013, 2014

Three intensive courses of one week each

Universidad Autónoma Gabriel René Moreno: IV Congreso Boliviano de Ecología

Species distribution modeling with R (Instructor)

Jun, 2014

Three days course

DIRECTED STUDENT MENTORING:

PhD Thesis Committee:

Axel Arango García, August 2019 - Present. External committee member, PhD Thesis/Project: 'Effects of dispersal on the diversification of Emberizoidea (Aves, Passeriformes) in the New World'. Instituto de Ecología A.C., Xalapa, Mexico.

Past Master's Graduate Advisees:

Marco Aurelio Pinto Viveros, February 2017 – August 2019. Master Science Thesis: 'The amphibians as a model of biological control in agricultural areas of Santa Cruz, Bolivia', Master program Manejo de Recursos Naturales y Medio Ambiente, Universidad Autónoma Gabriel René Moreno, Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia.

Past Undergrad Advisees:

Katherine Mano Cuellar, March 2012 – July 2014. Distinction in All Subjects. *Magna Cum Laude*. Undergraduate Project. 'Effects of land use change on amphibian community composition in central Santa Cruz, Bolivia'. Carrera de Biología, Universidad Autónoma Gabriel René Moreno, Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia.

Marco Aurelio Pinto Viveros, March 2012 – December 2014. Distinction in All Subjects. *Magna Cum Laude*. Undergraduate Project: 'The herpetofauna of the Mutún region, Santa Cruz, Bolivia'. Carrera de Ciencias Ambientales, Universidad Autónoma Gabriel René Moreno, Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia.

Ronald Sosa Escalante, March 2013 – July 2016. Undergraduate Thesis: 'Estudio de la mortalidad de serpientes atropelladas en la carretera Antigua a Cochabamba, Provincia Florida, Santa Cruz, Bolivia, Carrera de Biología, Universidad Autónoma Gabriel René Moreno, Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia.

PRESENTATIONS

**Last five years*

Contributed Presentation - Assessing the link between spectral diversity and functional diversity

Jul, 2022

Annual Meeting of the Association for Tropical Biology and Conservation

Cartagena, Colombia

Contributed Presentation - The role evolutionary and biogeographic imprints on plant-trait distributions and ecosystems functioning

Jun, 2022

World Biodiversity Forum

Davos, Switzerland

Invited Presentation - Macroevolutionary and ecological processes as drivers of species co-occurrences

Feb, 2022

Ecology, Evolution and Environmental Biology Seminar Series, Columbia University New York, NY

Contributed Presentation - Plant diversity across dimensions: coupling biodiversity measures from the ground and the sky

Dec, 2021

AGU Annual Meeting

New Orleans, LA

- Contributed Poster - Modeling species distributions using remote sensing data: the Eastern temperate forests of the US as a case study**
AGU Annual Meeting Dec, 2021
 New Orleans, LA
- Contributed Presentation - Plant hydraulics and rainfall niches: a mechanistic approach to explain species distributions across tropical biomes (Co-author)**
AGU Annual Meeting Dec, 2021
 New Orleans, LA
- Contributed Presentation - Detection of oak wilt disease from tree to landscape Scales (Co-author)**
AGU Annual Meeting Dec, 2021
 New Orleans, LA
- Invited Presentation - Predictive ecological and evolutionary science**
School of Natural and Environmental Sciences, Newcastle University (Online) Sep, 2021
 Newcastle, UK
- Invited Presentation - Plant community structure and detection**
Institute of Biology, Leipzig University (Online) Jun, 2021
 Leipzig, Germany
- Invited Presentation - Plant biodiversity: community structure, composition and detection**
Ecology, Evolution and Behavior Seminar Series, University of Minnesota (Online) Jan, 2021
 St Paul, MN
- Contributed Poster - Integrating biodiversity observations with airborne and satellite data to predict shifts in assemblage diversity and composition under global change**
NSF Macrosystems Biology and NEON Enabled Science PI Meeting Jan, 2021
 Online meeting
- Invited Presentation - Macroecology and macroevolution in the Neotropics**
Department of Geography, Federal University of Rio Grande do Norte (Online) Nov, 2020
 RGN, Brazil
- Invited Presentation - Introduction to graphical models**
Evolutionary Biology Network, Institute of Ecology Jan, 2020
 Xalapa, Mexico
- Contributed Presentation - The role of ecology and evolution on the assembly and species co-occurrence at different spatial and temporal scales**
Grand Challenges in Biology Symposium, University of Minnesota Sep, 2019
 St Paul, MN
- Contributed Poster - Testing Darwin's naturalization conundrum based on taxonomic, phylogenetic and functional dimensions of vascular plant diversity**
Ecological Society of America Annual Meeting Aug, 2019
 Louisville, KY
- Invited Presentation - Wildlife management and indigenous people in Bolivian lowlands**
Mano a Mano International Partners Apr, 2019
 St Paul, MN
- Contributed Presentation - Integrated Global Biodiversity Detection: Plant Spectra, Phylogenetics, and Enhanced Species Distribution Models (Co-author)**
AGU Annual Meeting Dec, 2018
 Washington DC
- Invited Presentation - Evolutionary macroecology**
Museo de Historia Natural Noel Kempff Mercado Dec, 2018
 Santa Cruz, Bolivia

SYMPOSIA AND WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED

Round table on Diversity in Biodiversity Science (Organization committee) Biodiversity Research Coordination Network (RCN)	Oct, 2020 <i>Online meeting</i>
X Bolivian Congress of Ornithology (Scientific committee) Asociación Boliviana de Ornitología and Universidad San Francisco Xavier	Oct, 2019 <i>Sucre, Bolivia</i>
IV Bolivian Congress of Ecology (Vice-president and Scientific committee) Asociación Boliviana de Ecología	Jun, 2014 <i>Santa Cruz, Bolivia</i>
Climate Change and Water Use (Organization committee) ADAPCLIM conference	Oct, 2010 <i>Asunción, Paraguay</i>
First Encounter on Knowledge and Management of the Pantanan and Chiquitania in the context of the Paraguay River Basin (Organization committee) Museo Noel Kempff Mercado/SINERGIA	Jun, 2010 <i>Puerto Quijarro, Bolivia</i>

EXPERIENCE WITH SCIENTIFIC COLLECTIONS AND CURATION

Museo de Historia Natural Noel Kempff Mercado, Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia

1. **Assistant curator:** identification, preparation and maintenance of bird specimens collected in the field (2009 – 2014).
2. **Coordinator:** development of the Geospatial Centre for Biodiversity in Bolivia—for the vertebrate collection at the Museum in collaboration with a team of taxonomists. <http://www.museonoelkempff.org/cgb/>. (2011 – 2013).
3. **Field coordinator of biological inventories** in National Protected Areas of Bolivia, including Ríos Blanco y Negro Wildlife Reserve (2009), Otuquis National Park (2011, 2013).

SKILLS

Languages	First language: Spanish (speaking, reading, and advanced writing) Proficient: English, Portuguese (speaking, reading, and writing) Familiar with: Guaraní, Quechua
Computer Programming	Advanced: R, MARKDOWN Intermediate: L ^A T _E X, STAN, GIT, REV BAYES, MATLAB, ARCGIS Familiar with: JULIA, PYTHON, C++, BASH, ENVI

SERVICE AND OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

SERVICE AS REVIEWER:

Publons: <https://publons.com/researcher/E-7984-2014/>

I served as a reviewer panelist for the US National Science Foundation in February 2022. In 2020, I served as an expert reviewer for the 2020 Red List of birds (eastern South America). I am also a Spanish-language reviewer for **The American Naturalist**. The aim is helping The American Naturalist to expand the communications reach of the world-class science that nonnative English speakers produce.

I have served as a reviewer in areas of macroecology and macroevolution, biogeography, theoretical ecology, community ecology, and ecological modeling in journals, including:

Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences Ecology(7)	The American Naturalist Systematic Biology(2)
Frontiers in Ecology and the Environment	Nature Communications(2)
Ecological Monographs(2)	New Phytologist(4)
Ecology Letters	Molecular Biology and Evolution
Journal of Biogeography(11)	Biological Journal of the Linnean Society(2)
Global Ecology and Biogeography(11)	Remote Sensing in Ecology and Conservation(3)
Diversity and Distributions(3)	Biotropica(3)
Journal of Animal Ecology(2)	Annals of Botany
Journal of Ecology(3)	Journal of Vegetation Science(2)
Methods in Ecology and Evolution	Journal of Plant Ecology
Ecology and Evolution(2)	Perspectives in Ecology and Conservation(2)
Journal of Field Ornithology(2)	Journal of Zoolog. Syst. Evol. Research
EMU (Australian Journal of Ornithology)(2)	Biodiversity and Conservation(2)
Kemppiana	Forest Ecology and Management(2)
Oecologia Australis	Plos One
El Hornero (Ornitología Neotropical)	

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SERVICE ACTIVITIES:

1. **Official Bolivian member** for the Society of Wetlands Scientists, South American Chapter.
2. **Research Advisor in Ecology and Natural Resources:** National Academy of Sciences of Bolivia, Santa Cruz Chapter (*Scientia Crucensis*).

OUTREACH:

While working at the Noel Kempff Mercado Natural History Museum in Santa Cruz de la Sierra, I participated in outreach activities with visitors. I participated in guided visits from elementary and high school students and to the ornithological collection at the Museum, where we explored the role of scientific collections in science and society and how we learn about and document biodiversity.

As a postdoctoral fellow at the university of Minnesota, I have been participating in different science outreach programs. One of the programs involves bringing elementary school students (usually 5th and 6th graders) to the University of Minnesota. I lead part of the biodiversity sessions, in which the students can see and manipulate different plant species in the greenhouse and learn about the role of environmental conditions in species diversity, function and adaptations. I have also participated in the Market Science, which aims to connect people with science. In Market Science we created hands-on science activities for children in Farmer's markets. For example, my last experience in Market Science (September 2019), Laura Toro (PhD candidate from Colombia) and I created activities related to the impacts of wildfire and human induced fires in South America. Also, I gave a public talk at "Mano a Mano" International Partners (April 2019, <https://manoamano.org>) on wildlife management and indigenous people in Bolivian lowlands. In this talk, I highlighted the importance of working with local communities in order to preserve the natural capital. More recently, I have co-organized an online round-table entitled **Diversifying Biodiversity Science** under the umbrella of the RCN: Cross-Scale Processes Impacting Biodiversity collaborative project, in which several panelists were invited to talk about their experiences regarding the inequalities in biodiversity science and how they are working to make our work more inclusive. Link to the round-table video on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cy1t3bMIsEs&t=296s>

MEMBERSHIPS IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)	2020-present
Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Honor Society (ΣΞ)	2021-present

American Geophysical Union (AGU)	2019-present
Ecological Society of America (ESA)	2014-present
National Academy of Sciences of Bolivia, Santa Cruz Chapter	2013-Present
Ornithological Society of Bolivia (ASBOR)	2012-Present
Ecological Society of Argentina (ASAE)	2006-Present
Ecological Society of Bolivia (ABECOL)	2006-Present
Society of Wetlands Scientists, South American Chapter (SWS)	2010-2014
International Society for Salt Lake Research (ISSLR)	2010-2014
Community of Wildlife Management in Latin America (COMFAUNA)	2009-Present
Society of Conservation Biology, Bolivian Chapter (SCB)	2007-2012