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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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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

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**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

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**Research Scientist** 2020-present

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

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- 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

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**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*

**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 October 2021, I have published 22 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*

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

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. (**Accepted**). Conservation needs to integrate knowledge across scales. *Nature Ecology and Evolution*.

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). *Phyllorhynchus 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 Centuri3n. (2010). Deforestation and fragmentation patterns 1976-2006 in San Julian district (Santa Cruz, Bolivia). *Ecologí3a en Bolivia*, 45(2): 101-115.
1. Villarroel D., **J.N. Pinto-Ledezma**, T. Ruiz de Centuri3n and A. Parada. (2009) Relationship between the woody cover and herbs richness in three Cerrado *sensu lato* physiognomies (Cerro Mutún, Santa Cruz, Bolivia). *Ecologí3a 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)

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

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

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. Mendes, L., **J.N. Pinto-Ledezma**, T.F.L.V.B. Rangel and R. Dunn. (First 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>.

#### 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

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List of presentations in the last five years.

**Invited Presentation - Trait biogeography at the community level** Jun, 2022  
World Biodiversity Forum *Davos, Switzerland*

**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** Dec, 2021  
AGU Annual Meeting *New Orleans, LA*

**Contributed Presentation - Plant hydraulics and rainfall niches: a mechanistic approach to explain species distributions across tropical biomes (Co-author)** Dec, 2021  
AGU Annual Meeting *New Orleans, LA*

**Contributed Presentation - Detection of oak wilt disease from tree to landscape Scales (Co-author)** Dec, 2021  
AGU Annual Meeting *New Orleans, LA*

**Invited Presentation - Predictive ecological and evolutionary science** Sep, 2021  
School of Natural and Environmental Sciences, Newcastle University (Online) *Newcastle, UK*

**Invited Presentation - Plant community structure and detection** Jun, 2021  
Institute of Biology, Leipzig University (Online) *Leipzig, Germany*

**Invited Presentation - Plant biodiversity: community structure, composition and detection** Jan, 2021  
Ecology, Evolution and Behavior Seminar Series, University of Minnesota (Online) *St Paul, MN*

**Contributed Poster - Integrating biodiversity observations with airborne and satellite data to predict shifts in assemblage diversity and composition under global change** Jan, 2021  
NSF Macrosystems Biology and NEON Enabled Science PI Meeting *Online meeting*

**Invited Presentation - Macroecology and macroevolution in the Neotropics** Nov, 2020  
Department of Geography, Federal University of Rio Grande do Norte (Online) *RGN, Brazil*

**Invited Presentation - Introduction to graphical models** Jan, 2020  
Evolutionary Biology Network, Institute of Ecology *Xalapa, Mexico*

**Contributed Presentation - The role of ecology and evolution on the assembly and species co-occurrence at different spatial and temporal scales** Sep, 2019  
Grand Challenges in Biology Symposium, University of Minnesota *St Paul, MN*

**Contributed Poster - Testing Darwin’s naturalization conundrum based on taxonomic, phylogenetic and functional dimensions of vascular plant diversity** Aug, 2019  
Ecological Society of America Annual Meeting *Louisville, KY*



**Invited Presentation - Wildlife management and indigenous people in Bolivian lowlands**  
 Apr, 2019  
 Mano a Mano International Partners *St Paul, MN*

**Contributed Presentation - Integrated Global Biodiversity Detection: Plant Spectra, Phylogenetics, and Enhanced Species Distribution Models (Co-author)**  
 Dec, 2018  
 AGU Annual Meeting *Washington DC*

**Invited Presentation - Evolutionary macroecology**  
 Dec, 2018  
 Museo de Historia Natural Noel Kempff Mercado *Santa Cruz, Bolivia*

## SYMPOSIA AND WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED

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**Round table on Diversity in Biodiversity Science** (Organization committee) Oct, 2020  
 Biodiversity Research Coordination Network (RCN) *Online meeting*

**X Bolivian Congress of Ornithology** (Scientific committee) Oct, 2019  
 Asociación Boliviana de Ornitología and Universidad San Francisco Xavier *Sucre, Bolivia*

**IV Bolivian Congress of Ecology** (Vice-president and Scientific committee) Jun, 2014  
 Asociación Boliviana de Ecología *Santa Cruz, Bolivia*

**Climate Change and Water Use** (Organization committee) Oct, 2010  
 ADAPCLIM conference *Asunción, Paraguay*

**First Encounter on Knowledge and Management of the Pantanan and Chiquitania in the context of the Paraguay River Basin** (Organization committee) Jun, 2010  
 Museo Noel Kempff Mercado/SINERGIA *Puerto Quijarro, Bolivia*

## EXPERIENCE WITH SCIENTIFIC COLLECTIONS AND CURATION

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**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

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<b>Languages</b>	First language: Spanish (speaking, reading, and advanced writing) Proficient: English, Portuguese (speaking, reading, and writing)
<b>Computer Programming</b>	Advanced: R, MARKDOWN Intermediate: L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X, GIT, REV <sub>B</sub> AYES, MATLAB, ARCGIS, STAN Familiar with: PYTHON, C++, BASH, ENVI

## SERVICE AND OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

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### SERVICE AS REVIEWER:

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

I served as an expert reviewer for the 2020 Red List of birds (eastern South America). In addition, I have served as a reviewer in areas of macroecology and macroevolution, biogeography, theoretical ecology, community ecology, and ecological modeling in journals, including:

Ecology(5)	The American Naturalist
Frontiers in Ecology and the Environment	Systematic Biology(2)
Ecological Monographs(2)	Nature Communications(2)
Ecology Letters	New Phytologist(3)
Journal of Biogeography(10)	Molecular Biology and Evolution
Global Ecology and Biogeography(9)	Biological Journal of the Linnean Society(2)
Diversity and Distributions(3)	Remote Sensing in Ecology and Conservation(2)
Journal of Animal Ecology(2)	Biotropica
Journal of Ecology(3)	Annals of Botany
Methods in Ecology and Evolution	Journal of Vegetation Science(2)
Ecology and Evolution(2)	Journal of Plant Ecology
Journal of Field Ornithology(2)	Perspectives in Ecology and Conservation(2)
EMU (Australian Journal of Ornithology)	Journal of Zoolog. Syst. Evol. Research
El Hornero (Ornitología Neotropical)	Biodiversity and Conservation(2)
Kempffiana	Forest Ecology and Management(2)
Oecología Australis	Plos One

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.

### 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 panelist 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

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<b>American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)</b>	2020-present
<b>Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Honor Society (<math>\Sigma\Xi</math>)</b>	2021-present
<b>American Geophysical Union (AGU)</b>	2019-present
<b>Ecological Society of America (ESA)</b>	2014-present
<b>National Academy of Sciences of Bolivia, Santa Cruz Chapter</b>	2013-Present
<b>Ornithological Society of Bolivia (ASBOR)</b>	2012-Present
<b>Ecological Society of Argentina (ASAE)</b>	2006-Present
<b>Ecological Society of Bolivia (ABECOL)</b>	2006-Present
<b>Society of Wetlands Scientists, South American Chapter (SWS)</b>	2010-2014
<b>International Society for Salt Lake Research (ISSLR)</b>	2010-2014
<b>Community of Wildlife Management in Latin America (COMFAUNA)</b>	2009-Present
<b>Society of Conservation Biology, Bolivian Chapter (SCB)</b>	2007-2012