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Education

PhD student in Zoology

2021-present

Department of Zoology, University of British Columbia

- Advisor: Dr. Rachel Germain

Master of Science in Ecology

2021

Institute of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, National Taiwan University

- Thesis title: *Effects of local and landscape factors on paddy field arthropod diversity: from species to communities*
- Advisor: Dr. Chuan-Kai Ho

Bachelor of Science in Biology

2017

Biology Program, University of British Columbia

Awards and Honours

International Tuition Award (1066CAD)	2021
President's Academic Excellence Initiative PhD Award (325CAD)	2021
Zoology Graduate Fellowship (16000CAD)	2021
Research abroad travel grant (7000NTD)	2019
NTU-NTNU Joint Symposium on Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (Outstanding poster)	2019
Faculty of Science International Student Scholarship (5000CAD)	2017
Congress of Animal Behavior and Ecology, plant-animal interactions section (1st prize)	2017
Go Global International Learning Award (2000CAD)	2016

Research Experience

Working group co-lead

2021

University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC

Advisor: Drs. Rachel Germain, Tess Grainger, Dept. Zoology and Biodiversity Research Centre

- Developed guidelines for writing accessible theory based on cognitive psychology

Research assistant

2020

National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan

Advisor: Dr. David Zeleny, Institute of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

- Developed a software for quantifying species niche width from co-occurrence data

Research Assistant

2017 - 2020

National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan

Advisor: Dr. Chuan-Kai Ho, Institute of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

- Examined arthropod trophic interactions using stable isotopes

Visiting Researcher

2019

Kanazawa University, Kanazawa, Japan

Advisor: Dr. Nisikawa Usio, Institute of Nature and Environmental Technology

- Tested biogeographical hypotheses of biodiversity in agroecosystems

Undergraduate Assistant

2016 - 2017

University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada

Advisors: Drs. Jennifer Sunday, Joey Bernhardt, Mary O'Connor, Dept. Zoology and Biodiversity Research Centre

- Examined the temperature dependence of resource competition

Directed Studies Student

2016

University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada

Advisors: Drs. Daniel Karp, Alejandra Echeverri, Kai Chan, Institute for Resources, Environment and Sustainability

- Quantified the impacts of land use change on avian populations

Publications

* denotes equal contribution

* Lin, P-A, * Liu, C-M, * **Ou, J-A**, Sun, C.-H., Chuang, W.-P., Ho, C.-K., Kinoshita, N., & Felton, G. W. (2021). Changes in arthropod community but not plant quality benefit a specialist herbivore on plants under reduced water availability. *Oecologia*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00442-020-04845-z>

Hsu, G-C, **Ou, J-A**, Ho, C-K. 2021. Pest consumption by generalist arthropod predators increases with crop stage in both organic and conventional farms. *Ecosphere* <https://doi.org/10.1002/ecs2.3625>

In advanced preparation

***Ou, J-A**, *Henriques, GJB, Senthilnathan, A, Ke, P-J, Grainger, T, Germain, R. A theoretician's guide to writing accessible theory.

Ou, J-A, Huang, C-L, Chen, H-J, Tsai, C-W, Ho, C-K. Effects of local and landscape factors on paddy field arthropod diversity: from species to communities.

Presentations

Ou, William 2021 Changes in arthropod community but not resource quality benefits a specialist herbivore under plant water stress. BotZoo Spring Symposium. Vancouver, BC. (*Oral*)

Ou, J-A, Huang, C-L, Chen, H-J, Tsai, C-W, Ho, C-K. 2020 Multi-scale analysis reveals the importance of landscape for arthropod biodiversity in a rice agro-ecosystem. Taiwan Entomological Society Annual Meeting. Taipei, Taiwan. (*Oral & Poster*)

Hsu, G-C, **Ou, J-A**, Ho, C-K. 2020 Pest consumption by arthropod generalist predators increases with crop stage in organic and conventional rice farms. ESA Annual Meeting. Virtual. (*Poster*)

Ou, J-A, Huang, C-L, Chen, H-J, Tsai, C-W, Ho, C-K. 2019 Spatial and temporal partitioning of arthropod beta-diversity in rice agro-ecosystems. NTU-NTNU Joint Symposium for Ecology and Evolutionary Biology. Taipei, Taiwan. (*Oral & Poster*)

Ou, J-A, Lin, P-A, Liu, C-M, Sun, C-H, Kinoshita, N., Ho, C-K, Felton, G. W. 2019 Plant drought stress randomizes arthropod community assembly. Congress for Animal Behavior and Ecology. Taipei, Taiwan. (*Oral*)

Ou, J-A 2019 Taxonomic and functional insect herbivore diversity across latitude in rice agro-ecosystems. Congress for Animal Behavior and Ecology. Taipei, Taiwan. (*Poster*)

Ou, J-A, Hsu, G-C, Ho, C-K. 2018 Drivers of arthropod food web dynamics in rice paddy agroecosystem - a stable isotope approach. Ecological Society of Japan. Sapporo, Japan. (*Oral*)

Ou, W. 2017. A test for the habitat-filtering hypothesis: Modeling avian population responses to land-use change in Guanacaste, Costa Rica. Multidisciplinary Undergraduate Research Conference. Vancouver, Canada. (*Oral*)

Teaching

Teaching Assistant, Numerical Methods in Community Ecology, NTU 2019

Teaching Assistant, Animal Biology Lab, NTU 2019

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to R for Ecologists, NTU 2018

Guest Lecture, Community Ecology, NTU 2018

Teaching Assistant, Community Ecology, NTU 2018

Work experience

Research scientist, Melio Inc. 2020

- Developing metrics and synthesizing data for quantifying environmental impacts of food

Intern, REnato Lab 2018

- Synthesized a circular economy manual and visualized corporate material flow data

Outreach and Service

Journal reviewer

- Proceedings of the Royal Society B, New Phytologist, Evolutionary Applications

Invited speaker, National Taiwan Science Education Center 2019

- Talk title: *Biodiversity beyond taxonomic nomenclature*

Editor, Green News Taiwan 2018-2019

Founder, NTU Biodiversity Discussion Group 2018-2020

Teaching Assistant, Biodiversity summer camp, Kinmen National Park 2017

Gallery Educator, Vancouver Aquarium 2015-2017

Technical skills

- Quantitative and analytical: univariate and multivariate statistics, Bayesian statistics, likelihood statistics, mixed-effect models, resampling methods, model averaging, clustering, null models, network analysis, scientific writing
- Computational: R, Python (working knowledge), ArcGIS
- Languages: English (native), Mandarin Chinese (native), Taiwanese (proficient)

Software

PalCraetoR - R package for generating color palettes from your own image ([link](#))

References

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