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## Education

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### PhD in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

2020

Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, USA

Advisor: Dr. M. A. Geber

Committee Members: Dr. A. A. Agrawal, Dr. R. A. Raguso

Dissertation title: Species interactions affect the distribution and evolution of multiple floral traits in California native wildflowers

### Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies, *magna cum laude* with Distinction

2012

Amherst College, Amherst, MA, USA

Advisor: Dr. J. S. Miller

Honors thesis: Forty-two years of forest measurements support the continuation of the Northeastern carbon sink

## Professional Experience

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### NSF Postdoctoral Fellowship in Biology, Rules of Life track

2021-2023

Lund University, Lund, Sweden

Supervisors: Drs. Magne Friberg and Anna Runemark

### Research Associate

2012-2014

University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada

Caruso and Maherali Labs, Department of Integrative Biology

## Peer-Reviewed Publications

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9. **Eisen, K. E.**, Geber, M. A., and R. A. Raguso. **2021**. Emission rates of species-specific volatiles vary across communities of *Clarkia* species: Evidence for multi-modal character displacement. *The American Naturalist* doi: 10.1086/715501
8. Godsoe, W., **Eisen, K. E.**, Sirianni, K., and D. Stanton. **2021**. Transmission bias's fundamental role in biodiversity change. *Theoretical Ecology* doi: 10.1007/s12080-020-00478-3
7. **Eisen, K. E.**, Wruck, A.C., and M. A. Geber. **2020**. Floral density and co-occurring congeners alter patterns of selection in annual plant communities. *Evolution* 74: 1682-1698.
6. **Eisen, K. E.**, Campbell, D. R., Richards, E., and M. A. Geber. **2019**. Differences in flowering phenology are likely not the product of competition for pollination in *Clarkia* communities. *International Journal of Plant Sciences* 180: 974-986. **Special issue on floral trait evolution**
5. Caruso, C. M., **Eisen, K. E.**, Martin, R. A., and N. Sletvold. **2019**. A meta analysis of the agents of selection on floral traits. *Evolution* 73: 4-14.
4. **Eisen, K. E.**, and M. A. Geber. **2018**. Ecological sorting and character displacement in communities of coexisting *Clarkia* species. *Journal of Evolutionary Biology* 31: 1440-1458.
3. **Eisen, K. E.**, Case, A. L., and C. M. Caruso. **2017**. Variation in pollen presentation in *Lobelia siphilitica*. *International Journal of Plant Sciences* 178: 79-84. **Featured Cover Article**
2. Caruso, C. M., **Eisen, K. E.**, and A. L. Case. **2016**. A phylogenetic analysis of gynodioecy and its correlates in the flowering plants. *International Journal of Plant Sciences* 177: 115-121. **Featured Cover Article**

1. **Eisen, K.** and A. Barker Plotkin. **2015.** Forty years of forest measurements support steadily increasing aboveground biomass in a maturing, *Quercus*-dominant northeastern forest. *Journal of the Torrey Botanical Society* 142: 97-112.

## Book Reviews and Digests

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3. **Eisen, K. E. 2018.** Digest: A new approach to an old question: using experimental evolution to investigate the evolution of generalized pollination. *Evolution* 72: 2825–2827.
2. **Eisen, K. E. 2017.** Digest: Trait variation in *Mimulus* provides new evidence for the joint action of ecological sorting and character displacement. *Evolution* 71: 1425–1427.
1. Petipas, R. H.\* and **K. E. Eisen.\* 2016.** The Roots and Shoots of Plant Evolutionary Ecology. A review of G. P. Cheplick 2015. Approaches to Plant Evolutionary Ecology. *Trends in Ecology & Evolution* 31: 409-410.  
\*Authors contributed equally.

## Publications in Review or in Revision

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1. **Eisen, K. E.**, Siegmund, G.-F., Watson, M. A., and M. A. Geber. Variation in the location and timing of experimental severing demonstrates that the persistent rhizome serves multiple functions in a clonal forest understory herb. In revision for resubmission to *Functional Ecology*.

## Teaching Experience

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<b>Teaching Associate</b> Evolution for non-majors online (BioEE 1180), Cornell University	<b>Summer 2020</b>
<b>Module Developer &amp; Guest Instructor</b> Evolution for non-majors (BioEE 1180), Cornell University	<b>Fall 2019</b>
<b>Guest Lecturer</b> Chemical Ecology (BioEE 3690), Cornell University	<b>Spring 2019</b>
<b>Teaching Assistant</b> Chemical Ecology (BioEE 3690), Cornell University	<b>Spring 2019</b>
<b>Teaching Assistant</b> Introduction to Evolutionary Biology & Diversity (BioEE 1780), Cornell University	<b>Fall 2015, Fall 2018</b>

## Fellowships and Awards

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<b>Postdoctoral Fellowship in Biology, Rules of Life track</b> National Science Foundation; \$138,000	<b>2021-2023</b>
<b>Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant</b> Cornell University Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology	<b>Spring 2020</b>
<b>Ed Ricketts Student Talk Award</b> American Society of Naturalists Stand-Alone Meeting, Pacific Grove, CA	<b>January 2018</b>
<b>Paul Fellowship for Study and Research in Absentia</b> Cornell University Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology; \$14,125	<b>Spring 2016</b>
<b>Graduate Research Fellowship</b> National Science Foundation; \$138,000	<b>2015-2020</b>
<b>Lloyd I. Rosenblum Memorial Fund for Graduate Study</b> Amherst College; \$15,000	<b>2014-2017</b>

<b>Presidential Life Sciences Fellowship</b>	<b>2014-2015</b>
Cornell University; \$33,930	

### External Grants

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<b>43rd Symposium Travel Grant</b>	<b>2019</b>
New Phytologist Trust; €1,420	

<b>Graduate Student Research Fellowships, First Prize</b>	<b>2017</b>
Torrey Botanical Society; \$2,500	

<b>Lewis and Clark Fund for Exploration and Field Research</b>	<b>2017</b>
American Philosophical Society; \$5,000	

<b>Rosemary Grant Award for Graduate Student Research</b>	<b>2015</b>
Society for the Study of Evolution; \$2,500	

<b>Graduate Student Research Award</b>	<b>2015</b>
Botanical Society of America; \$500	

### Cornell University Grants (Total: \$23,135)

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<b>Sustainable Biodiversity Fund</b> (Atkinson Center for a Sustainable Future)	<b>2017</b>
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<b>Research Travel Grant</b> (Graduate School)	<b>2017</b>
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<b>Betty Miller Francis '47 Fund</b> (E&EB Department)	<b>2016</b>
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<b>Sigma Xi Grant in Aid of Research, Cornell Chapter Award</b>	<b>2015, 2018</b>
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<b>Conference Travel Grant</b> , (Graduate School)	<b>2015, 2017, 2018, 2019</b>
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<b>Paul P. Feeny and Richard B. Root Funds</b> (E&EB Department)	<b>2015, 2016, 2017</b>
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<b>Andrew W. Mellon Student Research Grant</b> (CALS)	<b>2015, 2016, 2018</b>
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<b>Orenstein Fund</b> (E&EB Department)	<b>2015</b>
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### Invited & Selected Presentations

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<b>Biodiversity, Earth &amp; Environmental Science Department</b>	<b>March 2020</b>
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Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA

Invited oral presentation to Graduate Student Seminar Series. Ecological and evolutionary interactions between pollinator-sharing plants.

<b>Academy Research Seminar</b>	<b>March 2020</b>
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Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia, PA

Invited oral presentation. Character displacement across multiple phenotypic axes in *Clarkia*.

<b>43<sup>rd</sup> New Phytologist Symposium</b>	<b>July 2019</b>
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Zurich, Switzerland

Selected oral presentation & poster presentation. Emission rates of species-specific volatiles change across communities of *Clarkia* species: Evidence for character displacement in floral scent.

<b>II Joint Congress on Evolutionary Biology</b>	<b>August 2018</b>
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Montpellier, France

Selected oral presentation. Does sharing pollinators affect floral trait evolution? Stories from the *Clarkia* system.

## Contributed Presentation (since 2014)

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**American Society of Naturalists**, Pacific Grove, CA **January 2020**  
Oral presentation. Are changes in flower size associated with changes in plant size and physiology?

**Evolution**, Providence, RI **June 2019**  
Oral presentation. Emission rates of species-specific volatiles change across communities of *Clarkia* species:  
Evidence for character displacement in floral scent.

**American Society of Naturalists**, Pacific Grove, CA **January 2018**  
Oral presentation. Does sharing pollinators affect floral trait evolution? Stories from the *Clarkia* system.

**Ecological Society of America**, Portland, OR **August 2017**  
Oral presentation. Ecological sorting and character displacement in communities of pollinator-sharing *Clarkia* species.

**Botany**, Edmonton, AB, Canada **July 2015**  
Oral presentation. Sources of variation in pollen dispensing schedules of *Lobelia siphilitica*.

**Evolution**, Raleigh, NC **June 2014**  
Oral presentation. A phylogenetic analysis of gynodioecy and its correlates in the flowering plants.

## Outreach & Mentoring Activities

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**Diversity Preview Weekend** **2017-2020**  
Cornell University

- Coordinated participants' housing, ran workshop on NSF GRFP, provided feedback on personal statements.

**Scientist Mentor Fellow** **2016-2018**  
Digging Deeper Project, PlantingScience

- Attended pedagogical training session with secondary-school teachers; worked intensively with teachers on program implementation

**Undergraduate mentoring & supervising** **2015-2020**  
Cornell University

- Supervised and mentored two students conducting independent research projects and one work-study student.

**Master Plant Science Team Member** **2015-2016**  
PlantingScience

- Served as a classroom liaison between teachers and scientist mentors

**Instructor** **2014-2015**  
Graduate Student School Outreach Program (GRASSHOPR), Cornell University

- Designed and taught short course on biodiversity to a fourth-grade class

**Volunteer Educator** **2012-2014**  
Let's Talk Science, University of Guelph

- Presented interactive activities on a range of STEM topics to classrooms and community groups

**Undergraduate mentoring & supervising** **2012-2014**  
University of Guelph

- Supervised eight work study students and mentored two honors thesis students.

## Professional Activities

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**Reviewer** (32 total manuscripts): Evolution (8); American Journal of Botany (4); Oecologia (4); Annals of Botany (2); Biological Invasions (2); International Journal of Plant Sciences (2); Journal of Ecology (2); New Phytologist (2); Evolutionary Ecology (1); Frontiers in Plant Science (1); Journal of Plant Ecology (1); Journal of Plant Research (1); Nordic Journal of Botany (1); Plant Ecology Diversity (1); Trees (1)

**Graduate Student Representative**, faculty search in Organismal Biology, Cornell University (2019-2020)

**Meeting Organizer**, *ECR*<sup>2</sup> Online 2020; Cornell Ecology and Evolutionary Biology December Symposium (2015, 2016, 2017); Ontario Ecology, Ethology, and Evolution Colloquium (2014)

**Member**, American Society of Naturalists Graduate Council (2019-2022)

**Member**, American Society of Naturalists Diversity Committee (2019-2022)

**Member**, Botanical Society of America; California Botanical Society; California Native Plants Society; Ecological Society of America; Sigma Xi; American Society of Naturalists; Society for the Study of Evolution; Torrey Botanical Society

## Special Skills & Training

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**Writing 7101: Writing in the Majors Seminar** **Spring 2019**  
Cornell University

- Received training on teaching writing; discussed challenges associated with working with student writing.

**GET SET Certificate in “Understanding Undergraduate Learners”** **2018**  
Center for Teaching Innovation, Cornell University

- Participated in a series of workshops on fostering inclusivity and diversity in the classroom, facilitating effective discussions, and how to support struggling students.

**Colman Leadership Program** **January 2018**  
Cornell University

**Leadership Development for Life Scientists (ALS 5100)** **Spring 2017**  
Cornell University

**Geometric Morphometrics in R** **Spring 2016**

Transmitting Science, Barcelona, Spain

Instructor: Dr. Julien Claude, Assistant Professor, ISEM, France

**Scientific Communication Workshop (COMM 5660)** **Fall 2015**  
Cornell University