

# KATHERINE M. LAGERSTROM

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## EDUCATION

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September 2017- **Stanford University**, Stanford, CA, USA

April 2023

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), Biology

Dissertation title: The wild side of *E. coli*: Investigating the ecology and diversity of *Escherichia coli* in wild animals

**Relevant coursework:** Molecular Evolution, Conservation and Population Genomics, Genomics, Advanced Genetics, Ecological Statistics, Working with Data: Tools and Techniques, Programming Methodologies, Genomics of Disease in Wildlife Workshop (Colorado State University)

September 2012- **University of Nebraska-Lincoln**, Lincoln, NE, USA

May 2017

Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.), Microbiology

Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.), Environmental Studies

Semester Abroad in New Zealand

Minor in Mathematics

Graduated with Highest Distinction (4.0 GPA)

Honors thesis title: The involvement of *Arabidopsis* calmodulin in plant immunity against *Pseudomonas syringae*

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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2017-2023 **Stanford University**, USA, Department of Biology

PhD student and lab safety manager, Advisor: Elizabeth Hadly

- Uncovering the true strain diversity of *E. coli* in wild animals

- Examining host and environmental factors contributing to within-host *E. coli* phylogroup community composition
- Assessing the distribution, prevalence, and transmission potential of virulence factors and antimicrobial resistance genes in *E. coli* from wild animals

2013-2017     **University of Nebraska-Lincoln, USA**, Department of Plant Pathology  
Undergraduate researcher and lab technician, Advisor: James Alfano

- Investigating the effects of calmodulin on *Arabidopsis* immunity to *Pseudomonas syringae*
- Understanding *P. syringae* pathogenesis and suppression of plant immunity

## PUBLICATIONS

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**Lagerstrom, K. M.**, Scales, N. C., and Hadly, E. A. 2024. Impressive pan-genomic diversity of *E. coli* from a wild animal community near urban development reflects human impacts. *iScience* **27**(3); 109072. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.isci.2024.109072>

**Lagerstrom, K. M.**, Vance, S., San Juan, P. A., Gupta, T. D., and Hadly, E. A. 2023. Utilizing animal gut microbiomes to mitigate biodiversity loss in the Anthropocene. *Evolutionary Ecology Research* **2023**; 29-43. [www.evolutionary-ecology.com/Biodiversity%20Challenge/Lagerstrom.pdf](http://www.evolutionary-ecology.com/Biodiversity%20Challenge/Lagerstrom.pdf)

**Lagerstrom, K. M.** and Hadly, E. A. 2023. Under-appreciated phylogroup diversity of *Escherichia coli* within and between animals at the urban-wildland interface. *Applied and Environmental Microbiology* **89**(6); e00142-23. <https://doi.org/10.1128/aem.00142-23>

**Lagerstrom, K. M.**, Vance, S., Cornwell, B. H., Ruffley, M., Bellagio, T., Exposito-Alonso, M., Palumbi, S.R., and Hadly, E. A. 2022. From coral reefs to Joshua trees: What ecological interactions teach us about the adaptive capacity of biodiversity in the Anthropocene. *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B* **377**(1857): 20210389. <http://doi.org/10.1098/rstb.2021.0389>

Glidden, C. K., Nova, N., Kain, M. P., **Lagerstrom, K. M.**, Skinner, E. B., Mandle, L., Sokolow, S. H., Plowright, R. K., Dirzo, R., De Leo, G. A., and Mordecai, E. A. 2021. Human-mediated

impacts on biodiversity and the consequences for zoonotic disease spillover. *Current Biology* **31**(19); R1342-R1361. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cub.2021.08.070>

**Lagerstrom, K. M.** and Hadly, E. A. 2021. The under-investigated wild side of *Escherichia coli*: Genetic diversity, pathogenicity and antimicrobial resistance in wild animals. *Proceedings of the Royal Society B* **288**(1948); 20210399. <http://doi.org/10.1098/rspb.2021.0399>

Fischer, E. K., Alvarez, H., **Lagerstrom, K. M.**, McKinney, J. E., Petrillo, R., Ellis, G., O'Connell, L. A. 2020. Neural correlates of winning and losing fights in poison frog tadpoles. *Physiology & Behavior* **223**; 112973. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.physbeh.2020.112973>

**Lagerstrom, K. M.** 2017. The involvement of *Arabidopsis* calmodulin in plant immunity against *Pseudomonas syringae*. *Environmental Studies Undergraduate Student Theses*. 205. <https://digitalcommons.unl.edu/envstudtheses/205>

## PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

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*The Lancet Planetary Health, mBio, Microbial Genomics, Microbial Pathogenesis, Polish Journal of Microbiology*

## PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

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**Lagerstrom, K. M.** and Hadly, E. A. Understanding the eco-evolutionary dynamics of *Escherichia coli* in animals at the wildland-urban interface for public health and conservation. Poster Presentation at: Ecology and Evolution of Infectious Disease Conference; 2024 June; Stanford, CA, U.S.A.

**Lagerstrom, K. M.** and Hadly, E. A. Understanding the eco-evolutionary dynamics of *Escherichia coli* in animals at the wildland-urban interface for public health and conservation. Poster Presentation at: ESA Annual Meeting; 2023 August; Portland, OR, U.S.A.

**Lagerstrom, K. M.** and Hadly, E. A. Phylogroup distribution and genetic diversity of *Escherichia coli* from a wild animal community imbedded in a human landscape, Poster Presentation at: ASM Microbe; 2023 June; Houston, TX, U.S.A.

**Lagerstrom, K. M.** and Hadly, E. A. The wild side of *E. coli*: Investigating the genetic diversity and distribution of *Escherichia coli* in wild animals, Poster Presentation at: ISME18; 2022 August; Lausanne, Switzerland.

**Lagerstrom, K. M.** and Hadly, E. A. The wild side of *E. coli*: Investigating the genetic diversity and distribution of *Escherichia coli* in wild animals, Poster Presentation at: 8<sup>th</sup> Conference on Beneficial Microbes; 2022 July; Madison, WI, U.S.A.

**Lagerstrom, K. M.** and Hadly, E. A. The wild side of *E. coli* and its implications for human health, Oral Presentation at: Bay Area Ecology and Evolution of Infectious Disease Conference; 2022 February; Virtual.

**Lagerstrom, K. M.**, Kim, P. and Alfano, J. The effects of calmodulin on plant immunity to *Pseudomonas syringae*, Poster Presentation at: XVII International Congress on Molecular Plant-Microbe Interactions; 2016 July; Portland, OR, U.S.A.

## INVITED SEMINARS

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1. Alumni Fireside Chat for CASNR Honors Program, University of Nebraska-Lincoln; 2024 April; Lincoln, NE, U.S.A.
2. “The wild side of *E. coli*: Investigating the distribution and diversity of *Escherichia coli* in wild animals at Jasper Ridge”; Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve Evening Lecture Series; 2022 April; Stanford, CA, U.S.A.
3. “ABR and Public Health”; ENVR189H Honors Seminar, University of Nebraska-Lincoln; 2020 November; Lincoln, NE, U.S.A.

## OUTREACH AND SERVICE

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| 2024-Present | <b>Executive committee member;</b> <i>Board of Trustees, Applied Microbiology International (AMI)</i> |
| 2024-Present | <b>Member;</b> <i>One Health Advisory Group, Applied Microbiology International (AMI)</i>             |
| 2019-2022    | <b>Coordinator;</b> <i>Graduate Student Programming Board (GSPB), Stanford University</i>             |

2021-2022	<b>Graduate student representative;</b> <i>Jasper Ridge Faculty Advisory Committee</i> , Stanford University
2018-2022	<b>Lab safety manager;</b> <i>Hadly Lab</i> , Stanford University
2020-2022	<b>Founder;</b> <i>Microbial Ecology Journal Club</i> , Stanford University
2021	<b>Member;</b> <i>Biology Pre-Orientation Program committee</i> , Stanford University
2020-2021	<b>Member;</b> <i>Return-to-Research committee</i> , Stanford University
2019	<b>Poster session judge;</b> <i>Stanford Research Conference (SURA)</i> , Stanford University
2018-2020	<b>Mentor;</b> <i>Biology PhD Program</i> , Stanford University
2019-2020	<b>President;</b> <i>Stanford Science Pen Pals</i> , Stanford University
2017-2019	<b>Graduate student mentor;</b> <i>Stanford Science Pen Pals</i> , Stanford University
2019	<b>Representative;</b> <i>Graduate Student Information Center (GSIC)</i> , Stanford University
2018-2019	<b>Member;</b> <i>Biology mentorship committee</i> , Stanford University
2017-Present	<b>Member;</b> <i>Association for Women in Science (AWIS)</i>
2014-2016	<b>President;</b> <i>Microbiology Club</i> , University of Nebraska-Lincoln
2014, 2016	<b>Lab station coordinator;</b> <i>UNL Women in Science Conference</i> , University of Nebraska-Lincoln

## TEACHING AND MENTORSHIP

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2022-Present	<b>Research mentor;</b> 40 high school students' independent research projects, Polygence
2022	<b>Teaching assistant;</b> <i>Ecology (Bio 81)</i> , Stanford University
2022	<b>Instructor/course designer;</b> <i>Introduction to Nanopore Sequencing</i> , Stanford University
2022	<b>Research mentor,</b> Engage with Girls is STEM (EWGIS) Research Program
2020	<b>Research mentor;</b> <i>Basser Program</i> , Stanford University
2019	<b>Research mentor;</b> <i>Biology Summer Undergraduate Research Program (BSURP)</i> , Stanford University
2018	<b>Research mentor;</b> <i>Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education (VPUE) Summer Research Program</i> , Stanford University
2018	<b>Teaching assistant;</b> <i>Ecology for Everyone (Bio 30)</i> , Stanford University

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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2022	Stanford Community Impact Award, Stanford University
2019	Excellence in Teaching Award, Stanford University
2017	Chancellor's Scholar, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

## FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

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2018-2020	Philippe Cohen Fellowship	Stipend/tuition
2018	Mellon Grant (Research)	\$ 6000 USD
2015, 2016	Milton E. Mohr Biotechnology Degree Program Scholarship	\$ 1000 USD/year

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