

## Katelyn Gostic

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### EDUCATION:

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- 2013-present **PhD**, University of California Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA  
Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology  
Research focus: Ecology and evolution of infectious disease  
Advisor: Dr. James O. Lloyd-Smith  
**Thesis:** *How does existing population immunity regulate the emergence of novel influenza A viruses with pandemic potential?*  
**Degree expected:** June, 2019
- 2013 **AB**, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ  
Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, *summa cum laude*  
Certificate in Environmental Studies  
Advisor: Dr. Andrew P. Dobson  
**Thesis:** *Macroparasites of domestic dogs and wild cats on Costa Rica's Osa Peninsula: How do spatial heterogeneity and host movement influence infection dynamics?*

### PUBLICATIONS:

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*\*Indicates that authors contributed equally and should be considered joint first authors.*

5. **Morris, D.H.,\* Gostic, K.M.,\* Pompei, S.,\*** Bedford, T., Łuksza, M., Neher, R.A., Grenfell, B.T., Lässig, M., McCauley, J.W. (2017) Predictive modeling of influenza shows the promise of applied evolutionary biology. *Trends in Microbiology*. Accepted, and in press.
4. **Gostic, K.M.,** Ambrose, M., Worobey, M., Lloyd-Smith, J.O. (2017) Maternal antibodies' role in immunity -- Response. *Science*. **355**:705.
3. **Gostic, K.M.,** Ambrose, M., Worobey, M., Lloyd-Smith, J.O. (2016) Potent protection against H5N1 and H7N9 influenza via childhood hemagglutinin imprinting. *Science*. **354**, 722-726.
2. Buhnerkempe M.G.\*, **Gostic K.M.\***, Park M., Ahsan P., Belser J.A., Lloyd-Smith J.O. (2015) Mapping influenza transmission in the ferret model to transmission in humans. *eLife*. 4:e07969.
1. **Gostic, K.M.\*** Kucharski, A\*. Lloyd-Smith, J. O. (2015) Natural history of infection influences effectiveness of screening measures for emerging pathogens. *eLife*. 4:e05564.

### HONORS AND AWARDS:

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- June 2017 NIH Ruth L. Kirschstien National Research Service Award, Individual Predoctoral Fellowship (F31AI134017)
- May 2017 UCLA Life Sciences Excellence Award for Outstanding Research Publication
- May 2016 Charles E. and Sue K. Young Graduate Student Award

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| Oct. 2015  | UCLA Systems and Integrative Biology Training Grant, NIH Ruth L. Kirschstien National Research Service Award (T32-GM008185)                       |
| March 2015 | Carol Newton Legacy Symposium Poster Prize, UCLA Dept. Biomathematics   |
| June 2015  | UCLA Dean's Scholar Award   |
| Oct. 2014  | UCLA Systems and Integrative Biology Training Grant, NIH Ruth L. Kirschstien National Research Service Award (T32-GM008185)                       |
| July 2014  | Scholarship and travel award, Summer Institute in Statistics and Modeling in Infectious Diseases, University of Washington, Seattle Washington    |
| June 2014  | UCLA Dean's Scholar Award   |
| April 2014 | UCLA Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Small Research Grant  |
| Sept. 2013 | Eugene V. Cota-Robles Foundation Fellowship   |
| June 2013  | <i>Summa cum laude</i> , Princeton University Dept. of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology   |
| June 2013  | Leslie Kilham Johnson Book Prize, Princeton University Dept. of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, awarded for the best tropical biology thesis    |
| June 2013  | Thesis Poster Prize, Princeton University Dept. of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, awarded for the best poster presentation in disease research |
| June 2013  | Elected to membership in the society of Sigma Xi  |

#### **TALKS AND SEMINARS:**

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| Oct. 2017  | Invited seminar, "Population-level impacts of broadly protective influenza immunity." NIH Vaccine Research Center, Bethesda MD  |
| Sept. 2017 | Talk, "Should we expect broadly protective immunity to impact seasonal influenza epidemiology?" European Scientific Working Group on Influenza 6 <sup>th</sup> Conference, Riga, Latvia ( <i>Invited as the young scientist co-chair of the Mathematical Modeling conference session.</i> ) |
| March 2017 | Invited seminar, "Childhood immune imprinting and its implications for influenza pandemic preparedness." Occidental College, Los Angeles, CA  |
| Sept. 2016 | Talk, "Birth year predicts immunity against emerging influenza viruses with pandemic potential." UCLA EEB Graduate Seminar Series, Los Angeles, CA  |
| Aug. 2016  | Talk, "Bottom-up control of emerging influenza A viruses." Ecological Society of America 2016 Annual Meeting, Ft. Lauderdale, FL  |
| July 2016  | Talk, "Conserved epitopes and antigenic seniority." WHO workshop on models for influenza vaccine design, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ  |
| April 2016 | Talk, "Childhood immune imprinting provides potent protection against emerging influenza viruses." GATP-SIB-Big Data-BWFCCHIP Joint Research Symposium, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA   |
| March 2016 | Guest Lecture, "Statistics in ecological modeling." EEB C219B, Modeling in Ecological Research, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA   |
| Feb. 2015  | Talk, "What can influenza transmission in ferrets tell us about pandemic potential in humans?" UCLA EEB Graduate Seminar Series, Los Angeles, CA  |

May 2012      Talk, "How do environmental gradients on Ol Pejeta Conservancy influence macroparasite infection in plains zebras?" Ol Pejeta Conservancy, Kenya

## **POSTERS:**

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June 2017      Poster, "Effects of childhood HA imprinting on human susceptibility to and transmissibility of H5N1 and H7N9". Ecology and Evolution of Infectious Diseases Conference, University of California Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA

May 2016      Poster, "Childhood hemagglutinin imprinting provides potent protection against novel influenza A viruses." Ecology and Evolution of Infectious Diseases Conference, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

May 2015      Poster, "Natural history, epidemiology and human behavior shape effectiveness of traveler screening for emerging infectious diseases." Ecology and Evolution of Infectious Diseases Conference, University of Georgia, Athens, GA

May 2015      Poster, "Natural history, epidemiology and human behavior shape effectiveness of traveler screening for emerging infectious diseases." UCLA Ecology and Evolutionary Biology 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Research Symposium, Los Angeles, CA

April 2015      Poster, "Natural history, epidemiology and human behavior shape effectiveness of traveler screening for emerging infectious diseases." UCLA Global Health Day, Los Angeles, CA

March 2015      Poster, "Natural history, epidemiology and human behavior shape effectiveness of traveler screening for emerging infectious diseases." Carol Newton Legacy Symposium, Los Angeles, CA

May 2013      Poster, "How does domestic dog movement, habitat and care drive macroparasite infection in a host community that includes wild cats?" Princeton Environmental Institute Discovery Day, Princeton, NJ

## **MEDIA COVERAGE**

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7. The year of your birth affects your resistance to flu. *The Economist*.  
<http://www.economist.com/news/science-and-technology/21710156-specifically-it-determines-which-versions-virus-you-are-likely-be>
6. Birth year may affect your flu risk. Here's how. *NBC News*. Nov. 10, 2016.  
<http://www.nbcnews.com/health/health-news/birth-year-may-affect-your-flu-risk-here-s-how-n682076>
5. Your flu risk may be linked to the year you were born. *CNN*. Nov. 10, 2016.  
<http://www.cnn.com/2016/11/10/health/flu-risk-birth-year/>
4. Why some flus are deadliest in young adults. *The Atlantic*. Nov. 10, 2016.  
<http://www.theatlantic.com/health/archive/2016/11/flu-memory/507287/>
3. Podcast: How farms made dogs love carbs, the role of dumb luck in science, and what your first flu exposure did to you. *Science Podcast*. Nov. 10, 2016.  
Audio available at :<http://www.sciencemag.org/podcast/podcast-how-farms-made-dogs-love-carbs-role-dumb-luck-science-and-what-your-first-flu>
2. Year of airport screening doesn't catch Ebola. *USA Today*. Sept. 22, 2015.  
Text available at: <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/2015/09/22/ebola-airport-screening-cbp-cdc/32493389/>

1. Screening for Ebola and other diseases “inherently leaky.” *BBC World Service Radio, Newsday*. Feb. 19, 2015.  
Audio available at: [https://soundcloud.com/bbc-world-service/airport-screening-for-ebola-and-other-diseases-inherently-leaky?ocid=socialflow\\_twitter](https://soundcloud.com/bbc-world-service/airport-screening-for-ebola-and-other-diseases-inherently-leaky?ocid=socialflow_twitter)

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**OUTREACH:**

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| May 2016  | Facilitator, DNA Day, UCLA Dept. of Human Genetics                                |
| May 2015  | Facilitator, DNA Day, UCLA Dept. of Human Genetics                                |
| May 2015  | Activity leader, EmpowHER STEM Day, UCLA Empowering Women in Science              |
| May 2014  | Activity leader, EmpowHER STEM Day, UCLA Empowering Women in Science              |
| Dec. 2013 | Visiting scientist, Science Lunch Friday, University High School, Los Angeles, CA |

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**SERVICE:**

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| Sept. 2017            | Co-organized the Mathematical Modeling section of the 6 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the European Scientific Working Group on Influenza. |
| Sept. 2016 – June ‘17 | Eco-Evo Careers Founder and Coordinator  |
| Sept. 2014 - June ‘15 | Eco-Evo Pub Committee Member   |
| Sept. 2015            | R Boot Camp Student Facilitator  |
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**TEACHING:**

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| Jan. 2016 – March 2016 | Teaching Assistant, Modeling in Ecological Research, UCLA Dept. of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology                              |
| October 2014-Dec. 2014 | Teaching Assistant, Research Immersion Laboratory in Microbiology, UCLA Dept. of Microbiology, Immunology and Molecular Genetics |
| Jan. 2012-June 2013    | Wilderness First Aid Coordinator for Training & Curriculum Development, Princeton University Outdoor Action                      |
| April 2011-June 2013   | Wilderness First Aid Instructor, Princeton University Outdoor Action   |
| July 2010              | Teaching Assistant/Mentee, Grade 5 Math, KIPP DC, AIM Academy, Anacostia, DC   |
| Feb. 2010-June 2013    | Trip Leader, Leader Trainer, Princeton University Outdoor Action   |

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**PEER REVIEW:**

I have reviewed several scholarly articles for PLoS Computational Biology and for the Journal of the Royal Society Interface.

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**PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES:**

R, MATLAB, Python