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## EDUCATION

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- 2019    **PhD**    **University of California Los Angeles**  
Ecology and Evolutionary Biology
- 2013    **AB**    **Princeton University**  
*summa cum laude*, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Quantitative Track

## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

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- 2019-present    James S. McDonnell Foundation Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Chicago  
Jointly appointed in the laboratories of Dr. Sarah Cobey (Ecology and Evolution), and  
Dr. Patrick Wilson (Immunology)
- 2013-2019    PhD Research, Advised by Dr. James O. Lloyd-Smith, UCLA  
*Dissertation*, Who gets infected and why: Confronting models with data to determine  
drivers of pathogen susceptibility at the individual and population-level.

## FELLOWSHIPS

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- 2019-2021    James S. McDonnell Foundation: Understanding Dynamic and Multi-scale Systems  
Postdoctoral Fellowship (1 of 11 internationally) (\$200,000)
- 2017-2019    NRSA F31 Predoctoral Individual Fellowship (NIAID) (\$74,738)
- 2014-2016    NRSA Systems in Integrative Biology Training Grant (subaward from NIGMS training  
grant to UCLA Dept. Biomathematics) (\$48,000+fees)
- 2013-2014 &    Eugene V. Cota-Robles Foundation Fellowship (funding for 1st and 4th year of PhD)  
2016-2017    (\$42,000+fees)

## AWARDS

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- 2018    Scherbaum Award, outstanding research by a graduate student (UCLA Dept. of Ecology  
and Evolutionary Biology) (\$200)
- 2016    Charles E. & Sue K. Young Award, Highest award for a graduate student at UCLA (1 of  
4 university-wide) (\$10,000)
- 2015    Carol Newton Legacy Symposium Poster Prize (UCLA Dept. of Biomathematics)
- 2014    Small Research Grant (UCLA Dept. of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology) (\$1000)
- 2013    Leslie Kilham Johnson Thesis Prize, awarded for best thesis in Tropical Biology  
(Princeton University Dept. of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology)

## MANUSCRIPTS IN REVIEW

Available on request

Viboud, C., **Gostic, K.M.**, Nelson M., Price, G., Epstein, S., Perofsky, A., Sun, K., Trovao, N., Hensley, S., Cowling, B., Lafont, B., Spiro, D.J. Beyond clinical trials: evolutionary and epidemiological considerations for development of a universal influenza vaccine.

## PUBLICATIONS

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Link to [Google Scholar Profile](#)

\*Contributed equally

- 9) Helman, S.K., Mummah, R.O., **Gostic, K.**, Buhnerkempe, M.G., Prager, K.C., Lloyd-Smith, J.O. (2020). Estimating prevalence and test accuracy in disease ecology: how Bayesian latent class analysis can boost or bias imperfect test results. In press at Ecology and Evolution.
- 8) **Gostic K.**, Gomez, A.C.R., Mummah, R.O., Kucharski, A.K., Lloyd-Smith, J.O. (2020). Estimated effectiveness of symptom and risk screening to prevent the spread of COVID-19. *eLife*. 9:e55570. DOI: 10.7554/eLife.55570
- 7) **Gostic K.**, Bridge R., Brady S., Viboud C., Worobey M., Lloyd-Smith J.O. Childhood immune imprinting to influenza A shapes birth year-specific risk during seasonal H1N1 and H3N2 epidemics. (2019). In press at PLOS Pathogens. Preprint available on medRxiv: <https://doi.org/10.1101/19001834>
- 6) **Gostic, K.\***, Wunder, E.A\*. Jr., Bisht, V., Hamond, C., Julian, T.R., Ko, A.I., Lloyd-Smith, J.O. (2019). Mechanistic dose-response modeling of animal challenge data shows that intact skin is a crucial barrier to leptospiral infection. *Phil. Trans. B*. **374**. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1098/rstb.2019.0367>
- 5) Morris, D.H.,\* **Gostic, K.\*** Pompei, S.,\* Bedford, T., Łuksza, M., Neher, R.A., Grenfell, B.T., Lässig, M., McCauley, J.W. (2018). Predictive modeling of influenza shows the promise of applied evolutionary biology. *Trends in Microbiology*. **26**, 102-118. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.tim.2017.09.004>
- 4) **Gostic, K.**, Ambrose, M., Worobey, M., Lloyd-Smith, J.O. (2017). Maternal antibodies' role in immunity -- Response. *Science*. **355**, 705. DOI: [10.1126/science.aam7389](https://doi.org/10.1126/science.aam7389)
- 3) **Gostic, K.**, Ambrose, M., Worobey, M., Lloyd-Smith, J.O. (2016). Potent protection against H5N1 and H7N9 influenza via childhood hemagglutinin imprinting. *Science*. **354**, 722-726. DOI: [10.1126/science.aag1322](https://doi.org/10.1126/science.aag1322)
  - Excellence Award for Outstanding Research Publication, UCLA Division of Life Sciences
- 2) Buhnerkempe M.G.\*, **Gostic K.\***, 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. DOI: [10.7554/eLife.07969](https://doi.org/10.7554/eLife.07969)
- 1) **Gostic, K.\*** Kucharski, A\*. Lloyd-Smith, J. O. (2015). Natural history of infection influences effectiveness of screening measures for emerging pathogens. *eLife*. 4:e05564. DOI: [10.7554/eLife.05564](https://doi.org/10.7554/eLife.05564)

## INVITED TALKS

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| 2021 <i>scheduled</i> | Keystone Symposium on Respiratory Viruses: New Frontiers, Banff, AB, Canada      |
| 2019                  | Theoretical Biology and Biophysics Group Seminar, Los Alamos National Laboratory |
| 2018                  | Darwin's Weekly Seminar, University of Chicago                                   |
| 2017                  | NIH Vaccine Research Center Seminar, NIH Campus                                  |
| 2017                  | Biology Department Seminar, Occidental College                                   |

#### INVITED PARTICIPATION IN WORKING GROUPS AND WORKSHOPS

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- 2019 *scheduled* Workshop on Immune Imprinting, hosted by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
- 2019-present Working Group on Immunity, Aging and the Arrow of Time, supported by the James S. McDonnell Foundation and hosted by the Santa Fe Institute
- 2018 Workshop on Epidemiology and Evolution of Broadly Protective Influenza Vaccines, hosted by Fogarty International Center, NIH
- 2017 Invited session co-chair, 6<sup>th</sup> European Scientific Working Group on Influenza Conference, Riga, Latvia
- 2016 Workshop on Models for Influenza Vaccine Strain Selection, hosted by the World Health Organization and Princeton University

#### CONTRIBUTED TALKS

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- 2019 Ecology and Evolution of Infectious Diseases, 17<sup>th</sup> annual meeting, Princeton University
- 2018 Seminar for Meyer and Kryazhimskiy Lab, University of California San Diego Dept. Biology
- 2018 Seminar for Schief Lab, Scripps Dept. of Immunology and Microbiology
- 2018 Seminar for Wang Lab, UCLA Department of Physics
- 2017 European Scientific Working Group on Influenza 6<sup>th</sup> Conference, Riga, Latvia
- 2016 Ecological Society of America 2016 Annual Meeting, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
- 2015 Joint Training Grant Research Symposium, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- 2018 Teaching Assistant - Math for Life Scientists, UCLA Division of Life Sciences
- 2016 Teaching Assistant - Modeling in Ecological Research, UCLA Ecology and Evolutionary Biology
- Guest lecture, “Statistics in ecological modeling.”
- 2014 Teaching Assistant - Research Immersion Laboratory (Senior Practicum), UCLA Microbiology, Immunology and Molecular Genetics

#### OUTREACH AND SERVICE

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**Brains On! Podcast** – Scientific advisor for episodes on COVID-19 (2020) and influenza vaccination (2019)

**DNA Day** – Developed and led an on-campus event for LA middle school students coordinated by the UCLA Dept. of Human Genetics (2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018)

**Eco-Evo Careers** – Founded and coordinated a career discussion series for UCLA EEB Graduate Students (2016-2017)

**EEB Graduate Student Seminar Series** – Coordinator. (2014-2015)

**EmpowHer STEM DAY** - Developed and led an activity for LA middle school girls at an annual event coordinated by UCLA Empowering Women in Science (2014, 2015)

**Visiting scientist** - Science Lunch Friday, University High School, Los Angeles, CA (2013)

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#### PEER REVIEW

*PLOS Computational Biology*, the *Journal of the Royal Society Interface*, the *American Journal of Epidemiology*, and *Epidemiology and Infection*.

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#### MEDIA

My research has been featured by several major news outlets. Select examples:

**The Chicago Tribune (2020):** “Chicagoans breathe a sigh of relief: friends and family of local family with the coronavirus are free of illness”

<https://www.chicagotribune.com/business/ct-biz-coronavirus-illinois-another-case-20200213-5aqv4w26snajbgk3f2nbw7a23u-story.html>

**Science News (2020):** “As the coronavirus spreads we answer some key questions”

<https://www.sciencenews.org/article/coronavirus-questions-covid19-symptoms-deaths-spread>

**Nature News (2018):** “The ghost of influenza past and the hunt for a universal influenza vaccine”

<https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-018-05889-1>

**Science AAAS Podcast (2016):** “What your first flu did to you.” Listen at -

<https://www.sciencemag.org/podcast/podcast-how-farms-made-dogs-love-carbs-role-dumb-luck-science-and-what-your-first-flu>

**NIH Director’s Blog (2016):** “Birth year predicts flu risk.”

<https://directorsblog.nih.gov/2016/11/22/birth-year-predicts-bird-flu-risk/>

**The Economist (2016):** “The year of your birth affects your resistance to flu.”

<https://www.economist.com/science-and-technology/2016/11/15/the-year-of-your-birth-affects-your-resistance-to-flu>

**The Atlantic (2016):** “Why some flus are deadliest in young adults.”

<https://www.theatlantic.com/health/archive/2016/11/flu-memory/507287/>

**CNN (2016):** “Your flu risk may be linked to the year you were born.”

<https://www.cnn.com/2016/11/10/health/flu-risk-birth-year/index.html>

**NBC News (2016):** “Birth year may affect your flu risk. Here's how.”

<https://www.nbcnews.com/health/health-news/birth-year-may-affect-your-flu-risk-here-s-how-n682076>

**BBC World Service Radio (2015):** “Screening for Ebola and other diseases inherently leaky.”

**USA Today (2015):** “Year of airport screening doesn't catch Ebola.”

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/2015/09/22/ebola-airport-screening-cbp-cdc/32493389/>