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EDUCATION

- 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

- 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

- 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 (awarded through 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

- 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)
- 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)

Gostic, K., McGough, L., Baskerville, E., Abbott, S., Joshi, K., Tedijanto, C., Kahn, R., Niehus, R., Hay, J., Salazar, P., Hellewell, J., Meakin, S., Munday, J., Bosse, N., Sherratt, K., Thompson, R., White, L., Huisman, J., Scire, J., Bonhoeffer, S., Stadler, T., Wallinga, J., Funk, S., Lipsitch, M., Cobey, S. (2020). **Practical considerations for measuring the effective reproductive number, Rt.**

- Accepted at *PLOS Computational Biology*
- Preprint: <https://dx.doi.org/10.1101/2020.06.18.20134858>

Vegvari, C., Abbott, S., Ball, F., Brooks-Pollock, E., Challen, R., Collyer, B., Dangerfield, C., Gog, J., **Gostic, K.**, Heffernan, J., Hollingsworth, T., Isham, V., Kenah, E., Mollison, D., Pannovska-Griffiths, J., Pellis, L., Roberts, M., Scalia Tomba, G., Thompson, R., Trapman, Pieter. (2020). Commentary on the use of the reproduction number R during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- In review at *Statistical Methods in Medical Research*
- Preprint: <https://www.newton.ac.uk/documents/preprints>

PUBLICATIONS

Link to [Google Scholar Profile](#)

*Contributed equally

- 10) Viboud, C., **Gostic, K.**, Nelson M., Price, G., Epstein, S., Perofsky, A., Sun, K., Trovao, N., Hensley, S., Cowling, B., Lafont, B., Spiro, D.J. (2020). Beyond clinical trials: evolutionary and epidemiological considerations for development of a universal influenza vaccine. *PLOS Pathogens*. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.ppat.1008583>
- 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. *Ecology and Evolution*; 10: 7221– 7232. <https://doi.org/10.1002/ece3.6448>
- 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). *PLOS Pathogens*. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.ppat.1008109>
- 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)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Sam Abbott, Joel Hellewell, Robin Thompson, **Katelyn Gostic**, Katharine Sherratt, Sophie Meakin, James Munday, Nikos Bosse, Paul Mee and Sebastian Funk (2020). EpiNow2: Estimate Real-Time Case Counts and Time-Varying Epidemiological Parameters. R package version 1.0.0.

INVITED TALKS

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| 2021 <i>cancelled</i> | Keystone Symposium on Respiratory Viruses: New Frontiers, Banff, AB, Canada |
| 2020 | Department of Biostatistics Seminar, Georgia Southern University |
| 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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| 2020 | Expert consultation on the Influenza Vaccines R&D Roadmap, hosted by CIDRAP and the Wellcome Trust |
| 2020 | Presented on R_t estimation to WHO weekly COVID-19 modeling teleconference |
| 2020 | Presented on R_t estimation to CDC MIDAS COVID-19 Epidemic Parameters group |
| 2019 | Exploratory workshop on immune imprinting for influenza vaccination, 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 | Session co-chair, 6 th 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

- 2019 Ecology and Evolution of Infectious Diseases, 17th 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 6th 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

- 2020 Guest lecture, “Methods for *Rt* estimation.” Workshop in epidemiology. for early-career mathematicians. Run by Dr. Lauren Childs (Virginia Tech), Dr. Julie Blackwood (Williams College); Drs. Olivia Prosper & Suzanne Lenhart (University of Tennessee, Knoxville)
- 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

EID Committee Member – U. Chicago Ecology and Evolution (2020-present)

Guest speaker – U. Chicago Quantitative Biology Fellowship summer undergraduate research program (2020)

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)

PEER REVIEW

Epidemics; Science; PNAS; Infection, Genetics and Evolution; Virus Evolution; PLOS Pathogens; PLOS Computational Biology; PLOS One; the Journal of the Royal Society Interface; the American Journal of Epidemiology; and Epidemiology and Infection.

PRESS

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

Salon (2020): Are temperature checks effective, or just “medical theater”?

<https://www.salon.com/2020/10/15/are-temperature-checks-effective-or-just-medical-theater/>

NBC News (2020): As schools spend big on temperature checks, experts warn it won't work.

<https://www.nbcnews.com/tech/tech-news/schools-spend-big-temperature-check-tech-experts-warn-they-won-n1240246>

The Wall Street Journal (2020): Airports Check Passengers' Temperatures for Coronavirus.

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/airports-take-on-job-of-checking-passengers-temperatures-11598876255>

Brains On! Podcast. (2020): Scientific advisor for two episodes of this NSF-funded podcast for children.

- Coronavirus episode - <https://www.brainson.org/shows/2020/03/10/understanding-coronavirus-and-how-germs-spread-for-kids>
- Influenza vaccination episode - <https://www.brainson.org/shows/2019/10/08/how-do-flu-vaccines-work>

The Washington Post (2020): Cruise ships kept sailing as coronavirus spread. Travelers and health experts question why.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/cruise-ships-kept-sailing-as-coronavirus-spread-travelers-and-health-experts-question-why/2020/03/20/5b640f14-67e2-11ea-b5f1-a5a804158597_story.html

National Geographic (2020): The U.K. backed off herd immunity. To beat COVID-19, we'll ultimately need it.

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/science/2020/03/uk-backed-off-on-herd-immunity-to-beat-coronavirus-we-need-it/>

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/>