Kimberly J. Gilbert | CV

Computational Evolutionary Biology Lab – University of Lausanne (UNIL) Genopode 2021, 1015 Lausanne, Switzerland

Population geneticist & evolutionary biologist

Employment

SNSF Ambizione Fellow 2020 - 2024

University of Bern, Institute of Plant Sciences Bern, Switzerland

Post-doctoral Researcher 2019 - 2020

Lausanne, Switzerland University of Lausanne (UNIL), Dept. of Computational Biology

Advisor: Prof. Dr. Christophe Dessimoz

EMBO Post-doctoral Fellow 2017 - 2019

University of Bern, Institute of Ecology & Evolution Bern, Switzerland

Advisor: Prof. Dr. Laurent Excoffier

EEB Post-doctoral Fellow 2016 - 2017University of Toronto Toronto, Ontario

Advisors: Dr. Aneil F. Agrawal, Dr. Stephen I. Wright

Education

Ph.D. Zoology Sep 2011 - Oct 2016

University of British Columbia

Vancouver, British Columbia

Advisor: Dr. Michael C. Whitlock

Dissertation title: Understanding local adaptation and effective population size in the face of complex

demographic history

B.Sc. Biology 2006 - 2010

University of Virginia Charlottesville, Virginia

Graduated with distinction, specialization in environmental & biological conservation

Publications

- 17. Gilbert KJ*, Pouyet F*, Excoffier L, Peischl S (2020) Transition from background selection to associative overdominance promotes diversity in regions of low recombination. Current Biology, 30(1), 101-107.e3, *co-first authors
- 16. Peischl S, Gilbert KJ (2020) Evolution of dispersal can rescue populations from expansion load. The American Naturalist, 195(2), doi: https://doi.org/10.1086/705993 & available on BioRXiv: https://www.biorxiv.org/content/early/2018/11/30/483883
- 15. Gilbert KJ, Peischl S, Excoffier L (2018) Mutation load dynamics during environmentally-driven range shifts. PLOS Genetics, 14(9): e1007450. https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pgen.1007450.
- 14. Antonovics J, Abbate J, Bruns E, Fields PD, Forrester N, Gilbert KJ, Hood M, Park T, Taylor DR (2018) Effect of the anther-smut fungus Microbotryum on the juvenile growth of its host Silene latifolia. American

- Journal of Botany, 105(6), 1088-1095.
- 13. Peischl S, Dupanloup I, Foucal A, Jomphe M, Bruat V, Grenier J-C, Gouy A, **Gilbert KJ**, Gbeha E, Bosshard L, Hip-Ki E, Agbessi M, Hodgkinson A, Vézina H, Awadalla P, Excoffier L (2018) Relaxed selection during a recent human expansion. *Genetics*, 208(2), 763-777.
- 12. **Gilbert KJ**, MC Whitlock. (2017) The genetics of adaptation to discrete heterogeneous environments: Frequent mutation or large effect alleles can allow range expansion. *Journal of Evolutionary Biology*, 30(3), 591-602. doi:10.1111/jeb.13029.
- 11. **Gilbert KJ**, NP Sharp, AL Angert, GL Conte, JA Draghi, F Guillaume, AL Hargreaves, R Matthey-Doret, MC Whitlock. (2017) Local maladaptation reduces expansion load during range expansion. *The American Naturalist*, 189(4), 368-380, doi:10.1086/690673.
- 10. **Gilbert KJ** (2016) Identifying the number of population clusters with STRUCTURE: Problems and solutions. *Molecular Ecology Resources*, 16(3), 601-603.
- 9. **Gilbert KJ**, MC Whitlock (2015) Evaluating methods for estimating local effective population size with and without migration. *Evolution*, 68(8), 2154-2166.
- 8. Santiso X, L Lopez, **KJ Gilbert**, R Barreiro, MC Whitlock, R Retuerto (2015) Patterns of genetic variation within and among populations in *Arbutus unedo* and its relation with selection and evolvability. *Perspectives in Plant Ecology, Evolution and Systematics*, 17(3), 185-192.
- 7. **Gilbert KJ**, MC Whitlock (2015) *Qst-Fst* comparisons with unbalanced half-sib designs. *Molecular Ecology Resources*, 15(2), 262-267.
- 6. Caplins SA, **KJ Gilbert**, C Ciotir, J Roland, SF Matter, N Keyghobadi (2014) Landscape structure and the genetic effects of a population collapse. *Proceedings of the Royal Society B.* 281: 20141798; doi: 10.1098/rspb.2014.1798
- 5. Vines TH, AYK Albert, RL Andrew, F Débarre, DG Bock, MT Franklin, **KJ Gilbert**, J-S Moore, S Renaut, DJ Rennison (2014) The availability of research data declines rapidly with age. *Current Biology*, 24, 94-97.
- 4. Vines TH, RL Andrew, DG Bock, MT Franklin, **KJ Gilbert**, NC Kane, EJ Kleynhans, J-S Moore, BT Moyers, S Renaut, DJ Rennison, T Veen, S Yeaman (2013) Mandated archiving greatly improves access to research data. *FASEB Journal*, 27(4), 1304-1308.
- 3. **Gilbert KJ**, RL Andrew, DG Bock, MT Franklin, NC Kane, J-S Moore, BT Moyers, S Renaut, DJ Rennison, T Veen, TH Vines (2012) Recommendations for utilizing and reporting population genetic analyses: The reproducibility of genetic clustering using the program STRUCTURE. *Molecular Ecology*, 21(20), 4925-4930.
- 2. Keller SR, **KJ** Gilbert, PD Fields, DR Taylor (2012) Bayesian inference of a complex invasion history revealed by nuclear and chloroplast genetic diversity in the colonizing plant, *Silene latifolia*. *Molecular Ecology*, 21(19), 4721-4734.
- 1. Whitlock MC, **KJ Gilbert** (2012) *Q*_{ST} in a hierarchically structured population. *Molecular Ecology Resources*, 12(3), 481–483.

Awards & Funding

SNSF Ambizione Grant 922,413 CHF	2020 – 2024
Honorable Mention – Best student paper, <i>The American Naturalist Gilbert</i> et al. 2017	2018
EMBO Long-term Post-doctoral Fellowship 143,400 CHF	2017 – 2019
Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Post-doctoral Fellowship University of Toronto \$40,500 CAD Accepted in part	2016 – 2017

Declined – NSF Post-doctoral Research Fellowship National Plant Genome Initiative \$210,000 USD	2016 – 2019
Cordula and Gunter Paetzold Fellowship University of British Columbia \$18,000 CAD	2015 – 2016
Declined – Zoology Graduate Fellowship University of British Columbia \$16,000 CAD	2015 – 2016
Ann and William Messenger Graduate Fellowship University of British Columbia \$700 CAD	2015
Zoology Graduate Fellowship University of British Columbia \$11,000 CAD	2014 – 2015
Frieda Granot Graduate Scholarship in Interdisciplinary Research University of British Columbia \$200 CAD	2013 – 2014
Theodore E Arnold Fellowship University of British Columbia \$7,750 CAD	2013 – 2014
Patrick David Campbell Graduate Fellowship University of British Columbia \$8,050 CAD	2013 – 2014
Zoology Graduate Fellowship University of British Columbia \$11,000 CAD	2013 – 2014
BRITE Fellowship University of British Columbia \$21,000 CAD	2011 – 2013

Teaching Experience

Introduction to R Programming and Analyses Teaching assistant for practicals in R for biology undergraduates	Fall 2018, 2019 University of Bern
<i>Guest Lecture</i> – Introduction to Population Genetics Lecture on population structure, effective population size, & natural selection	May 2019 University of Bern
Molecular Population Genetics Practical Teaching assistant for practicals in molecular data analysis for biology undergraduates	Spring 2018, 2019 <i>University of Bern</i>
Statistics for Biology Teaching assistant for practicals in statistics for biology undergraduates	Spring 2017, 2018 <i>University of Bern</i>
Fundamentals of Rigstatistics	Fall 2013 2014 2015

Fundamentals of BiostatisticsBIOL 300

Fall 2013, 2014, 2015

UBC

Statistical procedures for biological research; estimation, hypothesis testing, goodness of fit, analysis of variance and regression; use of computers for statistical analysis

Two sections (70 students total) in 2013, one section (36 students) in 2014, one section (36 students) in 2015. Lab coordinator for 254 students enrolled in 2014 and for 275 students enrolled in 2015.

Guest Lecture -	Quantitative Methods in Ecology and Evolution	January 2013
BIOL 548		UBC
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Guest lecture on making maps in R

Fundamentals of Evolutionary Biology BIOL 336 Fall 2012, Spring 2013 UBC

Discussion-based tutorial covers natural selection, population genetics, quantitative genetics, systematics, and classical and molecular approaches to the study of evolution

Three discussion sections of 45 students total per semester

Presentations & Workshops

Mutation load dynamics during environmentally-driven range shifts

EAWAG Kastanienbaum - Aquatic ecology & macroevolution seminar series

"Evolution on the edge: eco-evolutionary dynamics" ESEB symposium Montpellier, France Institute of Science and Technology (IST) Austria Vienna, Austria Species range shifts and local adaptation January 2018 Bariloche, Argentina AndinA workshop 35-member international working group combining ecological and evolutionary disciplines to further understanding of range expansions and local adaptation Local adaptation, expansion load, and mutation load Sept., Oct. 2017 University of Basel – Botanical Colloquium Basel, Switzerland Uppsala University Uppsala, Sweden The genetics of adaptation during expansion across heterogeneous environments April 2017 Zürich, Switzerland University of Zürich; Behaviour, Ecology, Environment, and Evolution Seminar Series Local maladaptation reduces expansion load during species range expansion **July 2016** CSEE "Theoretical ecology and evolutionary biology" symposium St. John's, Newfoundland Data availability, archiving, and scientific reproducibility June 2016 American Society of Mammalogists Annual Conference Minneapolis, MN "Big data meets mammalogy: how to find and share data" symposium Estimating effective population size and the reproducibility of science Feb. 2015, Dec. 2014 Melbourne, VIC, Australia Monash University Duke University Pop Bio Seminar Series Durham, NC Reproducible Science Hackathon December 2014 **NESCent Working Group** Durham, NC 21-member working group aiming to develop a curriculum and workflow for teaching reproducible science SimBank November 2014 Durham, NC **NESCent Catalysis Meeting** 25-member working group aiming to create a collection of openly available simulation results to facilitate testing of statistical population genetic and phylogeographic methods Contributed (select)..... What generates diversity in regions of low recombination? 2019 Math & Computational Evolutionary Biology (MCEB) Porquerolles, France Recovery from expansion load is limited during species range shifts 2017 CeMEB Assembly: Biological invasions & range expansions from an evolutionary perspective Tjärno, Sweden 2017 Mutation load across mating systems: how does load change and how is it best estimated Austin, TX SMBE Meeting - talk Portland, OR Evolution Meeting - talk Local maladaptation reduces expansion load during species range expansion 2016 Evolution Meeting - talk Austin, TX Validating SNP loci underlying local adaptation in lodgepole pine 2015 15th ESEB Congress - poster Lausanne, Switzerland Evaluating methods to estimate effective population size in the presence of migration 2014 Evolution Meeting - talk Raleigh, NC Evo-WIBO Conference (Evolutionary Biology in the Pacific Northwest) - talk Port Townsend, WA

Apr., Aug., Nov. 2018

Luzern, Switzerland

Estimating effective population size in natural populations

Evolution Meeting - talk Snowbird, UT SFU-UBC-UVic Ecology and Evolution Retreat - talk Brackendale, BC

Range expansion and adaptation across heterogeneous environments

2012 Landscape Genetics Symposium, CIEE Graduate Mini-Course - talk Toronto, ON Port Townsend, WA

Evo-WIBO Conference (Evolutionary Biology in the Pacific Northwest) - poster

2011

Inferred invasion history of Silene latifolia into North America 13th ESEB Congress - poster

Tuebingen, Germany

SFU-UBC-UVic Ecology and Evolution Retreat - poster

Brackendale, BC

2013

Volunteer & Outreach

Subject Editor 2018 - 2021

Molecular Ecology, Molecular Ecology Resources

Reviewer: American Naturalist, Evolution, Evolution Letters, New Phytologist, Molecular Ecology, Molecular Ecology Resources, Proceedings B, TREE, Heredity, Ecology and Evolution, Conservation Biology, Biological Invasions, G3, PeerJ, Ecography, Tree Genetics & Genomes, Communications Biology, Frontiers in Plant Science

IEE Junior Staff Seminar Series

2017 - 2019

One of six junior staff organizing the invited lecture series in ecology and evolution

Symposium co-organizer

2018

Joint 2018 ESEB-SSE-ASN-SSB meeting in Montpellier, France

Co-organized with Drs. Nathaniel Sharp, Frédéric Austerlitz, and Paul Verdu a symposium entitled "From theory to genome-wide data: inferring selection, demography, gene flow and admixture"

Graduate Student Council Member

2013 - 2016

American Society of Naturalists

Council Chair for 2015-2016 term; member of workshops committee for ASN-sponsored workshops Organized the student-mentor mixer at the 2016 Evolution Meeting in Austin, TX Organized the student-mentor mixer at the 2014 Evolution Meeting in Raleigh, NC

Journal club organizer

UBC Evolution Discussion Group (EDG) weekly reading group 2014 - 2015Evolution discussion group at University of Bern, Institute of Ecology and Evolution 2017 - 2019

Faculty Search Committee: Graduate Student Representative

2014

Evolutionary biology CRC2 job search for the Department of Zoology, University of British Columbia

Volunteer mist-netting and bird banding

2013 - 2016

Iona Island Bird Observatory, Vancouver, BC Participate in winter, spring migration, and fall migration bird monitoring

Teach proper bird handling, aging, data collection, and mist net extraction techniques to new volunteers Assist in teaching other volunteers and visitors to the station about the species conservation and monitoring

Previous Research Experience

Independent Study & Research Technician

Sep. 2009 - June 2011

University of Virginia

Wild Research

Genetic analysis of metapopulation processes in the Silene-Micobotryum host-pathogen system

Supervisors: Dr. Douglas R. Taylor, Dr. Peter D. Fields, Dr. Janis Antonovics

Field Technician & Research Assistant

May 2009 - August 2009

Blandy Experimental Farm, University of Virginia

Field research on effects of tropospheric ozone on native vs. invasive tree species

Supervisors: Dr. David E. Carr, Dr. Eric E. Elton

May 2008 – August 2008

MAPS Bird Banding Intern

Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survivorship – The Institute for Bird Populations

Mist-netting, banding, and processing passerines and near-passerines during summer breeding season to monitor populations of local species

Supervisor: James Junda, M.Sc.