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Employment

EMBO Post-doctoral Fellow

University of Bern

Advisor: Prof. Dr. Laurent Excoffier

2017 – Present

Bern, Switzerland

EEB Post-doctoral Fellow

University of Toronto

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

2016 – 2017

Toronto, Ontario

Education

Ph.D. Zoology

University of British Columbia

Advisor: Dr. Michael C. Whitlock

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

Sep 2011 – Oct 2016

Vancouver, British Columbia

B.Sc. Biology

University of Virginia

Graduated with Distinction

Specialization in environmental & biological conservation

2006 – 2010

Charlottesville, Virginia

Publications

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 (2017) Relaxed selection during a recent human expansion. *Genetics*, genetics.300551.2017
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) Q_{ST} - F_{ST} 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

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
Zoology Graduate Student Travel Award University of British Columbia \$500; \$500; \$400 CAD	2013, 2014, 2016

CIEE Synthesis Meeting Travel Grant
Funding to attend from Landscape Genetics Graduate Seminar

2012

BRITE Fellowship
University of British Columbia \$21,000 CAD

2011 – 2013

Presentations & Workshops

Invited.....

- Species range shifts and local adaptation** **January 2018**
AndinA workshop *Bariloche, Argentina*
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**
University of Zürich; Behaviour, Ecology, Environment, and Evolution Seminar Series *Zürich, Switzerland*
- 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
- Population genetic inference in the face of demographic history** **August 2015**
University of Bern *Bern, Switzerland*
- Estimating effective population size and the reproducibility of science** **Feb. 2015, Dec. 2014**
Monash University *Melbourne, VIC, Australia*
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**
NESCent Catalysis Meeting *Durham, NC*
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.....

- Recovery from expansion load is limited during species range shifts** **2017**
CeMEB Assembly: Biological invasions & range expansions from an evolutionary perspective *Tjärno, Sweden*
- Mutation load across mating systems: how does load change and how is it best estimated** **2017**
SMBE Meeting - talk *Austin, TX*
Evolution Meeting - talk *Portland, OR*
- Local maladaptation reduces expansion load during species range expansion** **2016**
Evolution Meeting - talk *Austin, TX*
- Local adaptation and range expansions** **2015**
SFU-UBC-UVic-UW Ecology and Evolution Retreat - talk *Brackendale, BC*
- 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
<i>Evolution Meeting - talk</i>	Raleigh, NC
<i>Evo-WIBO Conference (Evolutionary Biology in the Pacific Northwest) - talk</i>	Port Townsend, WA
Estimating effective population size in natural populations	2013
<i>Evolution Meeting - talk</i>	Snowbird, UT
<i>SFU-UBC-UVic Ecology and Evolution Retreat - talk</i>	Brackendale, BC
Effective population size estimates in a metapopulation of <i>Silene latifolia</i>	2012
<i>1st Joint Congress on Evolutionary Biology - poster</i>	Ottawa, ON
Range expansion and adaptation across heterogeneous environments	2012
<i>Landscape Genetics Symposium, CIEE Graduate Mini-Course - talk</i>	Toronto, ON
<i>Evo-WIBO Conference (Evolutionary Biology in the Pacific Northwest) - poster</i>	Port Townsend, WA
Inferred invasion history of <i>Silene latifolia</i> into North America	2011
<i>13th ESEB Congress - poster</i>	Tuebingen, Germany
<i>SFU-UBC-UVic Ecology and Evolution Retreat - poster</i>	Brackendale, BC

Teaching Experience

Statistics for Biology	Spring 2017
<i>University of Bern</i>	
Teaching assistant for three sessions of practicals in statistics for undergraduate biology majors	
Fundamentals of Biostatistics	Fall 2013, 2014, 2015
<i>BIOL 300</i>	<i>UBC</i>
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
<i>BIOL 548</i>	<i>UBC</i>
Guest lecture on making maps in R	
Fundamentals of Evolutionary Biology	Fall 2012, Spring 2013
<i>BIOL 336</i>	<i>UBC</i>
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	

Scientific Software

QstFstComp: R package for performing balanced and unbalanced Q_{ST} - F_{ST} analyses, available at <http://github.com/kjgilbert/QstFstComp>

aNEMOne: R package to serve as a wrapper, creating inputs and analyzing outputs, for the simulation program Nemo, available at <http://github.com/kjgilbert/aNEMOne>

Volunteer & Outreach

Reviewer: *New Phytologist, Molecular Ecology, Molecular Ecology Resources, Heredity, Ecology and Evolution, PeerJ, Ecography, Tree Genetics & Genomes*

Society member: American Society of Naturalists, Society for the Study of Evolution, European Society for Evolutionary Biology, Canadian Society for Ecology and Evolution

IEE Junior Staff Seminar Series <i>One of six junior staff organizing the invited lecture series in ecology and evolution</i>	2017 – Present
Graduate Student Council Member <i>American Society of Naturalists</i> Council Chair for 2015-2016 term 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 Served on the workshops committee for ASN-sponsored workshops	2013 – 2016
Faculty Search Committee: Graduate Student Representative <i>Evolutionary biology CRC2 job search for the Department of Zoology, University of British Columbia</i>	2014
Journal club organizer <i>UBC Evolution Discussion Group (EDG) weekly reading group</i>	2014 – 2015
Volunteer mist-netting and bird banding <i>Wild Research</i> <i>Iona Island Bird Observatory, Vancouver, BC</i> 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, and the general tasks of running a banding station	2013 – 2016

Previous Research Experience

Independent Study & Research Technician <i>University of Virginia</i> Genetic analysis of metapopulation processes in the <i>Silene-Micobotryum</i> host-pathogen system Supervisors: Dr. Douglas R. Taylor, Dr. Peter D. Fields, Dr. Janis Antonovics	Sep. 2009 – June 2011
Field Technician & Research Assistant <i>Blandy Experimental Farm, University of Virginia</i> Field research on effects of tropospheric ozone on native vs. invasive tree species Supervisors: Dr. David E. Carr, Dr. Eric E. Elton	May 2009 – August 2009
MAPS Bird Banding Intern <i>Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survivorship – The Institute for Bird Populations</i> Mist-netting, banding, and processing passerines and near-passerines during summer breeding season to monitor populations of local species Supervisor: James Junda, M.Sc.	May 2008 – August 2008