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Education

Iowa State University Ames, Iowa

Ph.D. IN GENETICS AND GENOMICS Aug. 2015 - May 2022

Advisors: Dr. John D. Nason and Dr. Tracy A. Heath

Iowa State University Ames, Iowa

B.S. IN ANIMAL ECOLOGY AND BIOLOGY Aug. 2012 - May 2015

Publications

The Postembryonic Transformation of the Shell in Emydine Box Turtles

Gerardo A. Cordero, Samantha Stearns, Kevin Quinteros, Chelsea M. Berns, Steven M. Binz, Fredric Janzen Evolution & Development 21.6 (2019) pp. 297-310. 2019

Gene Network Variation and Alternative Oaths to Convergent Evolution in Turtles

Gerardo A. Cordero, Haibo Liu, Kokulapalan Wimalanathan, Rachel Weber, Kevin Quinteros, Fredric J. Janzen

Evolution & Development 20.5 (2018) pp. 172-185. 2018

Delayed Trait Development and the Convergent Evolution of Shell Kinesis in Turtles

Gerardo A. Cordero, Kevin Quinteros, Fredric J. Janzen

Proceedings of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences 285.1888 (2018) p. 20181585. 2018

Skeletal Remodelling Suggests the Turtle's Shell is Not an Evolutionary Straitjacket

Gerardo Antonio Cordero, Kevin Quinteros

Biology Letters 11.4 (2015) p. 20150022. 2015

Presentations

Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science National Conference

San Antonio, TX

PHYLOGEOGRAPHY OF A MEXICAN FIG WASP POLLINATOR: TESTING EFFECTS OF BIOGEOGRAPHY AND VICARIANCE

Oct. 2018

Oral Presentation, Evolution and Ecology Section

Evolution Montpellier, France

PHYLOGEOGRAPHY OF A MEXICAN FIG WASP POLLINATOR: TESTING EFFECTS OF BIOGEOGRAPHY AND VICARIANCE

Aug. 2018

Poster Presentation

Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute: Bambi Lecture Series

Barro Colorado Island, Panama

CO-EVOLUTION AND MAINTENANCE OF AN OBLIGATE MUTUALISM

Mar. 2017

Oral Presentation

Evolution Portland, OR

DATING THE DIVERSIFICATION OF THE PAPER WASPS (GENUS Polistes) UNDER THE FOSSILIZED BIRTH-DEATH PROCESS

Jun. 2017

Poster Presentation

Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science National

Conference

Long Beach, CA

PHYLOGENETIC RECONSTRUCTION OF THE PAPER WASP GENUS Polistes (HYMENOPTERA: VESPIDAE)

Oct. 2016

Oral Presentation, Evolution and Ecology Section

Teaching Experience _____

Biological Evolution 3cr, BIOL 315

Modified course material, set-up course website, administrated exams and graded assignments

Biological Evolution 3cr, BIOL 315 XW

Online Instructor Summer 2017

Modified course material, set-up course website and graded assignments

Undergraduate Seminar: Applying to Graduate School

1 cr, BIOL 496

2010

Fall 2020

-INSTRUCTOR Spring 2016

Co-developed seminar that helped students understand the graduate school application process

Grant Awards

INSTRUCTOR ON RECORD

TRAVEL & CONFERENCE

\$ 250	Professional Development Grant, lowa State University	2019
\$ 400	Interdepartmental Genetic and Genomics Program Travel Fund, Iowa State University	2019
\$ 250	Professional Development Grant, Iowa State University	2018
\$500	Interdepartmental Genetic and Genomics Program Travel Fund, Iowa State University	2018
\$ 750	Center For Global & Regional Environmental Research, University of Iowa	2018
\$ 2282	Stanely W. Watson Foundation Education Fund, Stanely W. Watson Foundation	2017
\$1000	Interdepartmental Genetic and Genomics Program Travel Fund, Iowa State University	2016

RESEARCH

\$138,000	National Science Foundation: Postdoctoral Research Fellowships in Biology, Advisor: Carlos A. Machado	2022
\$11,000	Baker Center Graduate Research Assistantship, Iowa State University	2022
\$3000	Department of Ecology, Evolutionary and Organismal Biology Finch Fund, Iowa State University	2020
\$2500	Department of Ecology, Evolutionary and Organismal Biology Finch Fund, Iowa State University	2018
\$1400	Center For Global & Regional Environmental Research, University of Iowa	2017
Tuition	Graduate Minority Assistantship Program (GMAP) Fellowship, Iowa State University	2016

Outreach & Service_

Graduate Mentor lowa State University

Undergraduate Research (BIOL 490) 2019 - 2020

Mentee: Isabella Sitzmann

Graduate Mentor Iowa State University

 Iowa State University Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program
 2018-2020

Mentee: Estefany Argueta

Chapter PresidentIowa State University

SOCIETY FOR ADVANCEMENT OF CHICANOS AND NATIVE AMERICANS IN SCIENCE CHAPTER 2018 - 2020

Develop chapter programming and organize operation

Scholarship Organizor

Iowa State University

5K FOR DACA/ LATINX STUDENT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP 2019

Fundraised, develop application and managed scholarship application review committee

RecruitmentISU Graduate College

Interdepartmental Genetics Program 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019

Representative of Iowa State University Graduate Programs at the SACNAS National Conference

Chapter Secretarylowa State University

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Develop and organize chapter programming and operation

Graduate Mentor lowa State University

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY RONALD E. MCNAIR POST-BACCALAUREATE ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

Mentee: David Ortiz

Honors_

Outstanding ISU Science Bound/College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND LIFE SCIENCE

Iowa State University

2020

2016-2017

Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship: Honorable Mention

NATIONAL ACADEMIES OF SCIENCES, ENGINEERING, AND MEDICINE

Iowa State University

2020