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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution *2024 - present*
Postdoctoral Investigator
Supervisors: [Heidi Sosik](#) and [Michael Neubert](#)

University of California Santa Cruz *2022 - 2024*
Postdoctoral Scholar
Supervisors: [Stephan Munch](#) and [Eric Palkovacs](#)

EDUCATION

Massachusetts Institute of Technology *2018 - 2022*
Ph.D. in Civil and Environmental Engineering
Advisor: [Serguei Saavedra](#)
Thesis: *Understanding and predicting responses of ecological communities to perturbations*

University of São Paulo *2015 - 2017*
M.S. in Ecology
Advisor: [Paulo Guimarães Jr](#)
Thesis: *Coevolution in mutualistic networks: gene flow and selection mosaics*

University of São Paulo *2014 - 2017*
B.S. in Applied and Computational Mathematics

University of São Paulo *2009 - 2013*
B.S. in Biological Sciences
Advisor: [Paulo Guimarães Jr](#)

PUBLICATIONS

Papers can be accessed from [my website](#).

14. **Medeiros, L. P.**, Neubert, M. G., Sosik, H. M., and Munch, S. B. (In press). A nonequilibrium framework for community responses to pulse perturbations. *Ecology Letters*.
13. Lerm, R., **Medeiros, L. P.**, Thompson, D., Ehlers Smith, D., and Downs, C. (2025). Bird communities show resilience to an extreme drought across a large savanna protected area. *Global Ecology and Conservation*, 64, e03933. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.gecco.2025.e03933>

12. Honda, I. A., **Medeiros, L. P.**, Thompson, C. R. S., Britten, G. L., Runge, J. A., and Ji, R. (2025). Seasonal trophic controls drive population variability in a foundational marine copepod. *Scientific Reports*, 15(1), 36018. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-025-19919-2>
11. **Medeiros, L. P.**, Sorenson, D. K., Johnson, B. J., Palkovacs, E. P., and Munch, S. B. (2025). Revealing unseen dynamical regimes of ecosystems from population time-series data. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 122(24), e2416637122. <https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.2416637122>
UCSC press release: [A data-driven model to help avoid ecosystem collapse](#)
PNAS commentary: [Predicting regime shifts and beyond](#)
10. **Medeiros, L. P.** and Saavedra, S. (2023). Understanding the state-dependent impact of species correlated responses on community sensitivity to perturbations. *Ecology*, 104(8), e4115. <https://doi.org/10.1002/ecy.4115>
9. Camacho, L. A., Andreazzi, C. S., **Medeiros, L. P.**, Birskis-Barros, I., Emer, C., Reigada, C., and Guimarães Jr, P. R. (2023). Cheating interactions favor modularity in mutualistic networks. *Oikos*, 2023(3), e09176. <https://doi.org/10.1111/oik.09176>
8. **Medeiros, L. P.**, Allesina, S., Dakos, V., Sugihara, G., and Saavedra, S. (2023). Ranking species based on sensitivity to perturbations under non-equilibrium community dynamics. *Ecology Letters*, 26(1), 170-183. <https://doi.org/10.1111/ele.14131>
MIT press release: [A better way to tell which species are vulnerable](#)
7. **Medeiros, L. P.***, Song, C.*, and Saavedra, S. (2021). Merging dynamical and structural indicators to measure resilience in multispecies systems. *Journal of Animal Ecology*, 90(9), 2027–2040. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1365-2656.13421> (*equal contribution)
6. **Medeiros, L. P.**, Boege, K., Del-Val, E., Zaldívar-Riverón, A., and Saavedra, S. (2021). Observed ecological communities are formed by species combinations that are among the most likely to persist under changing environments. *The American Naturalist*, 197(1), E17–E29. <https://doi.org/10.1086/711663>
5. Saavedra, S., **Medeiros, L. P.**, and AlAdwani, M. (2020). Structural forecasting of species persistence under changing environments. *Ecology Letters*, 23(10), 1511-1521. <https://doi.org/10.1111/ele.13582>
4. Pires, M. M., O'Donnell, J. L., Burkle, L. A., Diaz-Castelazo, C., Hembry, D. H., Yeakel, J. D., Newman, E. A., **Medeiros, L. P.**, De Aguiar, M. A. M., and Guimarães Jr, P. R. (2020). The indirect paths to cascading effects of extinctions in mutualistic networks. *Ecology*, 101(7), e03080. <https://doi.org/10.1002/ecy.3080>
3. Cenci, S., **Medeiros, L. P.**, Sugihara, G., and Saavedra, S. (2020). Assessing the predictability of nonlinear dynamics under smooth parameter changes. *Journal of the Royal Society Interface*, 17(162), 20190627. <https://doi.org/10.1098/rsif.2019.0627>
2. **Medeiros, L. P.**, Garcia, G., Thompson, J. N., and Guimarães Jr, P. R. (2018). The geographic mosaic of coevolution in mutualistic networks. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 115(47), 12017-12022. <https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.1809088115>
1. Dáttilo, W., Lara-Rodríguez, N., Jordano, P., Guimarães Jr, P. R., Thompson, J. N., Marquis, R. J., **Medeiros, L. P.**, Ortiz-Pulido, R., Marcos-García, M. A. and Rico-Gray, V. (2016). Unraveling Darwin's entangled bank: architecture and robustness of mutualistic networks with multiple interaction types. *Proceedings of the Royal Society B*, 283(1843), 20161564.

AWARDS

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| Principles of Community Award - Fisheries Collaborative Program (UC Santa Cruz) | 2024 |
| Vito Volterra Award for Best Student Oral Presentation - Theoretical Ecology Section of the ESA 2021 Conference | 2021 |
| Best M.S. Thesis of the year in Ecology - University of São Paulo | 2017 |

FELLOWSHIPS

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| Ph.D. Fellowship - Martin Family Society of Fellows for Sustainability (MIT Environmental Solutions Initiative) | 2021 - 2022 |
| Ippen Fellowship for Travel Support - Massachusetts Institute of Technology | 2020 and 2021 |
| Ph.D. Scholarship - Swiss Government Excellence Scholarship (declined) | 2018 |
| Laboratory Technician Scholarship - São Paulo Research Foundation | 2017 - 2018 |
| M.S. Scholarship - São Paulo Research Foundation | 2015 - 2017 |
| M.S. Scholarship - National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (For the 1st place in the M.S. admissions in Ecology at the University of São Paulo) | 2015 |
| Scientific Initiation Scholarship - São Paulo Research Foundation | 2014 |

TEACHING

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| Instructor for Modeling for Conservation and Management of Natural Populations - BIOE-215 (UC Santa Cruz) <i>Created lecture and homework material, lectured, and graded assignments</i> | Spring 2024 |
| Instructor for Instituto Serrapilheira's Quantitative Ecology Field Course (Brazilian Amazon) <i>Supervised graduate student's field projects</i> | July 2023 |
| TA for Probability and Causal Inference - 1.010 (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) <i>Planned and conducted recitations</i> | Fall 2021 |
| TA for Ecological Dynamics and Modeling - 1.873 (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) <i>Conducted tutorials/discussions and graded problem sets</i> | Spring 2021 |

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| TA for Probability and Causal Inference - 1.010 (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) <i>Graded problem sets</i> | <i>Fall 2019</i> |
| TA for EcoEscola Field Course (University of São Paulo) <i>Supervised undergraduate student's field projects</i> | <i>January 2017</i> |
| TA for Southern-Summer School on Mathematical Biology (ICTP-SAIFR) <i>Supervised graduate student's modeling projects</i> | <i>January 2016</i> |
| TA for Diversity, Natural History and Conservation of South American Vertebrates (University of São Paulo) <i>Moderated discussions and graded problem sets</i> | <i>Fall 2015</i> |
| TA for R Language for Data Analysis in Ecology (University of São Paulo) <i>Moderated tutorials and graded problem sets</i> | <i>March 2014</i> |

MENTORING

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| Loreane Dias (University of São Paulo) <i>Co-advisor of PhD thesis (Advisor: Paulo Inácio Prado)</i> | <i>January 2024 - present</i> |
| Thomas Meerwijk (Wageningen University) <i>Co-advisor of Master's thesis (Advisor: Masha van der Sande)</i> | <i>January 2024 - July 2024</i> |
| Participated in the mentoring program of the ESA Theoretical Ecology Section | <i>2023 - present</i> |

PRESENTATIONS

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| Conference talk - Ecological Society of America (Baltimore, MD) | <i>August 2025</i> |
| Invited talk - Biology Department Seminar (Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution) | <i>April 2025</i> |
| Invited talk - Review of the Cooperative Institute for Marine Ecosystems and Climate | |

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| (Scripps Institution of Oceanography) | <i>May 2024</i> |
| Conference talk - Ecological Society of America (Portland, OR) | <i>August 2023</i> |
| Invited talk - Emerging Scholars in Integrative Biology (Boston University) | <i>March 2023</i> |
| Conference talk - American Society of Naturalists (Pacific Grove, CA) | <i>January 2023</i> |
| Workshop talk - 20th Annual UCSC & Stanford Species Interactions Workshop (UC Santa Cruz) | <i>December 2022</i> |
| Invited talk - Symposium on market squid (NOAA Southwest Fisheries Science Center) | <i>November 2022</i> |
| Invited talk - Physics of Living Systems (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) | <i>May 2022</i> |
| Invited talk - EcoEncontros at University of São Paulo (Virtual) | <i>December 2021</i> |
| Invited talk - Ecological Resilience Webinar of the British Ecological Society (Virtual) | <i>September 2021</i> |
| Conference talk - Ecological Society of America (Virtual) | <i>August 2021</i> |
| Invited talk - Evolutionary and Ecological Systems Biology talks (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) | <i>September 2020</i> |
| Poster presentation - MIT Quantitative Ecology Meeting (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) | <i>January 2020</i> |
| Conference talk - American Society of Naturalists (Pacific Grove, CA) | <i>January 2020</i> |
| Invited talk - Simple Person's Applied Math Seminar (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) | <i>September 2019</i> |
| Invited talk - Opening lectures of the Graduate Program in Ecology (University of São Paulo) | <i>March 2018</i> |
| Invited talk - EcoEscola (University of São Paulo) | <i>January 2017</i> |
| Conference poster - Evolution (Austin, TX) | <i>June 2016</i> |

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Subject Editor at [Oikos](#) 2024 - present

Reviewed manuscripts for the following journals ([Web of Science](#)):

Ecology (1), *Ecological Complexity* (1), *Ecology Letters* (7),
Ecological Monographs (1), *Journal of Animal Ecology* (1),
Methods in Ecology and Evolution (1), *Nature Communications* (1),
Oikos (4), *PLOS Computational Biology* (1) 2018 - present

Main organizer of symposium on Population Fluctuations in Ecology
at the ESA 2023 Conference (Portland, OR)

Speakers: Karen Abbott, Jeff Gore, Tanya Rogers, and Daniel Wieczynski August 2023

Conducted and presented modeling/data analyses for the
Squid Fishery Advisory Committee in collaboration
with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife

February 2023 - May 2024

Conducted modeling/data analyses for Covid-19 BR Observatory
in collaboration with several Brazilian researchers
(<https://covid19br.github.io>)

March - May 2020

Judged talks/posters for awards at 2 ASN and 2 ESA conferences

2020 - present

Helped organizing the annual Fritz Muller Seminar Series
(University of São Paulo, <https://fritzmuller.weebly.com>)

2014 - 2018

OCEANOGRAPHIC CRUISES

Main duties: sampled seawater to quantify biological/physical variables, deployed/monitored oceanographic instruments, and analyzed real-time data from oceanographic instruments.

R/V Armstrong (AR88) - 6 days at sea ([NES-LTER project](#))

April 2025

R/V Atlantic Explorer (AE2426) - 6 days at sea ([NES-LTER project](#))

November 2024

COMPUTATIONAL SKILLS

Codes can be accessed from [my GitHub](#).

R (advanced)
Python (basic)
C (basic)
Git and GitHub
LaTeX
Microsoft Office

LANGUAGES

English (fluent)
Portuguese (native)
Spanish (basic)