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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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### Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution

2024 - present

Postdoctoral Investigator

Supervisors: [Heidi Sosik](#) and [Michael Neubert](#)

### UC Santa Cruz and NOAA Fisheries

2022 - 2024

Postdoctoral Scholar

Supervisors: [Stephan Munch](#) and [Eric Palkovacs](#)

## EDUCATION

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### Massachusetts Institute of Technology

2018 - 2022

Ph.D. in Civil and Environmental Engineering

Advisor: [Serguei Saavedra](#)

### University of São Paulo

2015 - 2017

M.S. in Ecology

Advisor: [Paulo R. Guimarães Jr](#)

### 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 R. Guimarães Jr](#)

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Submitted or in preparation:

2. **Medeiros, L. P.**, Sorenson, D. K., Johnson, B. J., Palkovacs, E. P., and Munch, S. B. (Submitted). Revealing unseen dynamical regimes of ecosystems from population time-series data. <https://www.biorxiv.org/content/10.1101/2024.08.07.607005v1>
1. **Medeiros, L. P.**, Grady, K. O., Coates, J. H., and Munch, S. B. (In preparation). Predicting and controlling the dynamics of market squid with Empirical Dynamic Modelling.

### Published:

10. **Medeiros, L. P.** and Saavedra, S. (2023). Understanding the state-dependent impact of species correlated responses on community sensitivity to perturbations. *Ecology*, 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>
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. <https://doi.org/10.1098/rspb.2016.1564>

## AWARDS

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Vito Volterra Award for Best Student Oral Presentation - Ecological Society of America Theoretical Ecology Section	August 2021
Best M.S. Thesis of 2017 in Ecology at the University of São Paulo	March 2018

## 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 (FAPESP)	<i>2017 - 2018</i>
M.S. Scholarship - São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP)	<i>2015 - 2017</i>
Scientific Initiation Scholarship - São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP)	<i>2014</i>
M.S. Scholarship - National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq) - (For the 1st place in the M.S. admissions in Ecology at the University of São Paulo)	<i>2015</i>

## PRESENTATIONS

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Invited talk - Review of the Cooperative Institute for Marine Ecosystems and Climate (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>
Ph.D. thesis defense - Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)	<i>May 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)

*January 2020*

Invited talk - Simple Person's Applied Math Seminar  
(Massachusetts Institute of Technology)

*September 2019*

Invited talk - Opening lectures of the Graduate Program in Ecology  
(University of São Paulo)

*March 2018*

Invited talk - EcoEscola  
(University of São Paulo)

*January 2017*

Poster presentation - Evolution  
(Austin, TX)

*June 2016*

## MENTORING

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Loreane Dias (University of São Paulo)  
*Co-advisor of PhD thesis (Advisor: Paulo Inácio Prado)*

*January 2024 - present*

Thomas Meerwijk (Wageningen University)  
*Co-advisor of Master's thesis (Supervisor: Masha van der Sande)*

*January 2024 - July 2024*

## TEACHING

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Instructor for Modeling for Conservation and Management of Natural Populations -  
BIOE-215 (UC Santa Cruz)  
*Created lecture and homework material, lectured, and graded assignments*

*Spring 2024*

Instructor for Instituto Serrapilheira's Quantitative Ecology Field Course  
(Brazilian Amazon)  
*Supervised graduate student's field projects*

*July 2023*

TA for Probability and Causal Inference - 1.010  
(Massachusetts Institute of Technology)  
*Planned and conducted recitations*

*Fall 2021*

TA for Ecological Dynamics and Modeling - 1.873  
(Massachusetts Institute of Technology)  
*Conducted tutorials/discussions and graded problem sets*

*Spring 2021*

TA for Probability and Causal Inference - 1.010  
(Massachusetts Institute of Technology)  
*Graded problem sets*

*Fall 2020*

TA for Ecological Dynamics and Modeling - 1.873  
(Massachusetts Institute of Technology)  
*Conducted tutorials/discussions and graded problem sets*

*Spring 2020*

TA for Probability and Causal Inference - 1.010  
(Massachusetts Institute of Technology)  
*Graded problem sets*

*Fall 2019*

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-SAIIR) <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>August - December 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>

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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Reviewed manuscripts for the following journals ( <a href="#">Web of Science</a> ): <i>Ecology (1), Ecological Complexity (1), Ecology Letters (4), Journal of Animal Ecology (1), Methods in Ecology and Evolution (1), Nature Communications (2), Oikos (4), PLOS Computational Biology (1)</i>	<i>2018 - present</i>
Main organizer of symposium on Population Fluctuations in Ecology at the ESA 2023 Conference (Portland, OR) <i>Speakers: Karen Abbott, Jeff Gore, Tanya Rogers, and Daniel Wieczynski</i>	<i>August 2023</i>
Conducted and presented modeling/data analyses for the Squid Fishery Advisory Committee in collaboration with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife	<i>February 2023 - May 2024</i>
Conducted modeling/data analyses for Covid-19 BR Observatory in collaboration with several Brazilian researchers ( <a href="https://covid19br.github.io">https://covid19br.github.io</a> )	<i>March - May 2020</i>
Judged talks/posters for prizes at 2 ASN and 1 ESA conference	<i>2020 - 2023</i>
Helped organizing the annual Fritz Muller Seminar Series (University of São Paulo, <a href="https://fritzmuller.weebly.com">https://fritzmuller.weebly.com</a> )	<i>2014 - 2016</i>

## COMPUTATIONAL SKILLS

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- R (advanced)
- Python (basic)
- C (basic)
- Git and GitHub
- LaTeX

- Microsoft Office

## LANGUAGES

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