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EDUCATION

- 2011 - 2017 Ph.D. Ecology and Evolutionary Biology
Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana
Advisor: Dr. Jordan Karubian
- 2009 B.S. Natural Resource Ecology and Management – Conservation Biology
magna cum laude
Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Academic Advisor: Dr. Phil Stouffer

PUBLICATIONS (* = UNDERGRADUATE; ** = COMMUNITY PARTNER)

- 2017 Ottewell, K., **L. Browne**, D. Cabrera**, J. Olivo**, J. Looor**, and J. Karubian. Genetic diversity of dispersed seeds is highly variable among leks of the long-wattled umbrellabird. **Acta Oecologica**. *In press*
- 2017 Walter, S.T., **L. Browne**, J. Freile, N. González**, J. Looor**, M. Darkes*, T. Gillespie, and J. Karubian. Nocturnal bird diversity in forest fragments in north-west Ecuador. **Journal of Tropical Ecology**. *In press*
- 2017 Walter, S.T., **L. Browne**, J. Freile, J. Olivo**, M. González, and J. Karubian. Landscape-level tree cover predicts species richness of large-bodied frugivorous birds in forest fragments. **Biotropica**. 49: 838-847.
- 2016 **Browne, L** and J. Karubian. Frequency-dependent selection for rare genotypes promotes genetic diversity of a tropical palm. **Ecology Letters**. 19: 1439–1447.
- 2016 Karubian, J., **L. Browne**, D. Cabrera**, M. Chambers*, and J. Olivo**. Relative influence of relatedness, conspecific density, and microhabitat on seedling survival and growth of an animal-dispersed Neotropical palm. **Botanical Journal of the Linnean Society**. 182: 425–438.
- 2016 **Browne, L.** and J. Karubian. Diversity of palm communities at different spatial scales in a recently fragmented tropical landscape. **Botanical Journal of the Linnean Society**. 182: 451–464.
- 2015 **Browne, L.**, K. Ottewell, and J. Karubian. Short-term genetic consequences of habitat loss and fragmentation for the Neotropical palm *Oenocarpus bataua*. **Heredity** 115: 389-395.
doi:10.1038/hdy.2015.35
- 2012 Karubian, J., **L. Browne**, C. Bosque, T. Carlo, M. Galetti, B. Loiselle, J. Blake, D. Cabrera**, R. Durães, F. Labecca, K. Holbrook, R. Holland, W. Jetz, F. Kümmeth, J. Olivo**, K. Ottewell, G. Papadakis, G. Rivas, S. Steiger, B. Voirin, and M. Wikelski. Seed dispersal by Neotropical birds: emerging patterns and underlying processes. **Ornitologia Neotropical** 23: 9–24.

PUBLICATIONS – *IN REVIEW* (* = UNDERGRADUATE; ** = COMMUNITY PARTNER)

Browne, L. and J. Karubian. Rare genotype advantage promotes survival and genetic diversity of a tropical palm

Browne, L. and J. Karubian. Habitat loss and fragmentation reduce effective gene flow by disrupting seed dispersal in a Neotropical palm

Karubian, J, **L. Browne**, V. Sork, and K. Ottewell. Frugivore seed dispersal mediates the contributions of male and female gametes to seedling genetic diversity in the tropical palm *Oenocarpus bataua*

GRANTS

2015	NSF Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant: \$18,025
2014	Tulane EEB Graduate Research Award: \$1,945
2013	International Palm Society: \$900
2013	IDEA WILD Biodiversity Conservation Grant: \$1,050
2013	American Ornithologist's Union Research Award: \$1,842
2013	Stone Center for Latin American Studies and Tinker Foundation Summer Field Research Grant: \$1,470
2013	The Explorers Club Exploration Fund: \$1,000
2013	Western Ag Innovations Research Award: \$960
2012	The Gerald E. Gunning Memorial Fund, \$500
2012	Organization for Tropical Studies Post-course Research Grant: \$831
2011,13	Provost's Office Graduate Student Travel Grant: \$400
2011,13,15	School of Science and Engineering Dean's Travel Grant: \$300
2011,13,15	Graduate Studies Student Association Travel Grant: \$300

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2017	UCLA La Kretz Center for California Conservation Science Postdoctoral Fellowship
2017	George Henry Penn Memorial Award for Outstanding Graduate Research
2016	Organization for Tropical Studies (OTS) Annual Student Paper Award
2013-14	IBM Fellowship in Computational Science
2013-16	National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship
2011-13	Louisiana Board of Regents Fellowship
2008	F.O. Batemen Memorial Scholarship
2008	LSU Chancellor's Aide Scholarship
2007	American Society of Animal Science Scholastic Achievement Award
2005	LSU Chancellor's Future Leaders in Research Scholarship

INVITED TALKS

2017	Browne, L. and J. Karubian. Umbrellabirds, ocelots, and palm trees: community-based conservation and research in the rainforests of Ecuador. Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA.
2016	Browne, L. and J. Karubian. Community-based conservation and research in the Chocó forests of Ecuador: Challenges, successes, and the road forward. American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Biodiversity Affinity Group. Washington, DC.

CONTRIBUTED TALKS (* = UNDERGRADUATE; ** = COMMUNITY PARTNER)

- 2017 **Browne, L.** and J. Karubian. Rare genotype advantage promotes survival and genetic diversity of a tropical palm. ESA Annual meeting. Portland, OR.
- 2017 **Browne, L.** and J. Karubian. Frequency-dependent selection for rare genotypes promotes genetic diversity of a tropical palm. Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology. New Orleans, LA.
- Talk featured on [the Molecular Ecologist](#) blog
- 2016 Cabrera, D.**, M. Mahoney*, J. Olivo**, **L. Browne** and J. Karubian. Patterns of frugivory and seed dispersal by large frugivores in the Ecuadorian Chocó. Ecuadorian National Ornithology Conference. Zamora, Ecuador.
- 2016 Olivo, J.**, **L. Browne** and J. Karubian. A tale of two terrestrial birds: *Neomorphus radiolossus* and *Aramides wolfi*. Ecuadorian National Ornithology Conference. Zamora, Ecuador.
- Winner of best oral presentation
- 2016 Walter, S.T., **L. Browne**, J. Freile, J. Olivo**, M. González, and J. Karubian. Amount of surrounding forest cover best predicts diversity of large bodied frugivorous birds. Ecuadorian National Ornithology Conference. Zamora, Ecuador.
- 2015 **Browne, L.** and J. Karubian. Response of palm communities to habitat fragmentation in northwest Ecuador. World Palm Symposium. Armenia, Colombia.
- 2015 **Browne, L.**, K. Ottewell, and J. Karubian. Consecuencias genéticas a corto plazo de fragmentación forestal en REMACH para *Oenocarpus bataua*. Simposio Internacional Ciencia y Conservación en la Reserva Mache Chindul. Universidad San Francisco de Quito, Quito, Ecuador.
- 2013 **Browne, L.** How does fruit abundance influence seed dispersal and predation by vertebrates in the Chocó forests of Ecuador? Stone Center for Latin American Studies Research Symposium, New Orleans, LA
- 2013 **Browne, L.** Defaunation: the next global change? Tulane Ecolunch Seminar Series, New Orleans, LA.
- 2013 **Browne, L.**, K. Ottewell, and J. Karubian. Genetic consequences of forest fragmentation in Ecuador for a widespread canopy palm. Student Conference on Conservation Science, American Museum of Natural History Center for Biodiversity and Conservation, New York City, NY.
- 2013 **Browne, L.**, K. Ottewell, and J. Karubian. Genetic and ecological consequences of forest fragmentation in Ecuador for the palm *Oenocarpus bataua*. Tulane Ecolunch Seminar Series, New Orleans, LA.
- 2011 **Browne, L.** Impacts of behavior, movement, and the environment on seed dispersal: perspectives and advances in Neotropical avifauna. Neotropical Ornithology Congress, Cuzco, Peru.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS (* = UNDERGRADUATE; ** = COMMUNITY PARTNER)

- 2016 **L. Browne**, F. Castillo**, J. Riveiro, A. Moreno**, S.T. Walter, R. Ribeiro, and J. Karubian. Diversity of understory birds in forest fragments of the Ecuadorian Chocó. Ecuadorian National Ornithology Conference. Zamora, Ecuador.
- 2016 N. González**, **L. Browne**, S.T. Walter, J. Looor**, M. Darkes*, J. Freile, T. Gillespie and J. Karubian. Diversity of nocturnal birds in forest fragments of the Ecuadorian Chocó. Ecuadorian National Ornithology Conference. Zamora, Ecuador.
- Winner of best poster presentation
- 2015 Olivo, J.**, J.B. Cox*, **L. Browne**, and J. Karubian. Use of aerial and terrestrial camera traps for describing palm frugivore communities. World Palm Symposium. Armenia, Colombia.
- 2015 Castillo, F.**, M. Chambers*, **L. Browne**, and J. Karubian. How does dispersal into umbrellabird lek breeding sites impact survival of *Oenocarpus bataua* seedlings? World Palm Symposium. Armenia, Colombia.
- 2015 Cabrera, D.**, Z. Diaz-Martin, **L. Browne**, and J. Karubian. Using seed traps to describe fruiting phenology of palm communities. World Palm Symposium. Armenia, Colombia.
- 2014 Olivo, J.**, M. Gonzáles, **L. Browne**, S.T. Walter, and J. Karubian. Study of avian diversity in forest fragments in the Mache-Chindul Reserve. Ecuadorian Ornithology Meeting. Maldonado, Ecuador.
- 2014 Walter, S.T., F. Castillo**, J. Rivero, J. Olivo**, **L. Browne**, M. Darkes*, A. Moreno**, N. Gonzáles**, J. Looor**, M. Gonzáles, J. Freile, and J. Karubian. 2014. Avian community diversity across forest fragments in Ecuador. Ecuadorian Ornithology Meeting. Maldonado, Ecuador.
- 2014 Chambers, M.*, **Browne, L.**, and J. Karubian. Influence of lek breeding sites and surrounding genetic diversity on the survival of dispersed seedlings. Tulane School of Science and Engineering Research Day. New Orleans, LA, USA.
- 2014 **Browne, L.** 2014. Comparing pollen and seed dispersal in fragmented landscapes: a simulation-based approach. Tulane School of Science and Engineering Research Day. New Orleans, LA, USA.
- 2013 **Browne, L.**, K. Ottewell, and J. Karubian. 2013. Genetic and ecological consequences of forest fragmentation in Ecuador for the palm *Oenocarpus bataua*. New Frontiers in Tropical Biology: The Next 50 Years – ATBC/OTS Joint Meeting. San José, Costa Rica.
- 2013 **Browne, L.**, K. Ottewell, and J. Karubian. 2013. Genetic and ecological consequences of forest fragmentation in Ecuador for the palm *Oenocarpus bataua*. Tulane School of Science and Engineering Research Day. New Orleans, LA, USA.
- 2011 Cabrera, D.**, J. Cabrera**, J. Karubian, and **L. Browne**. 2011. Diet and activity of the Long-wattled Umbrellabird and its relation with the phenology of the palm *Oenocarpus bataua*. Neotropical Ornithology Congress, Cuzco, Peru.

SPECIALIZED TRAINING

- 2015 **UCLA La Kretz Conservation Genomics Workshop.** Santa Monica, California
- 2014 **NIMBioS Tutorial: Computing in the cloud: what every computational life scientist should know.** University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- 2012 **Hierarchical models for abundance, distribution and species richness in spatially structured populations using unmarked/R and WinBUGS.** USGS Patuxent Wildlife Research Center
- 2012 **OTS Tropical Biology: An Ecological Approach 2012 – 1.** Organization for Tropical Studies, Costa Rica & Duke University
- 2011 **Summer Institute for Training in Biostatistics and Genetic Epidemiology Statistics.** Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri

PUBLICATIONS – OUTREACH

- 2015 **Browne, L., M. González, and J. Karubian.** Biodiversity in forest fragments of the Mache-Chindul Reserve. Quito, Ecuador. [DOI: 10.13140/RG.2.1.2619.2485](https://doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.1.2619.2485)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2017 **Tropical Field Biology & Conservation – Instructor,** *Tulane University*
- 2017 **Diversity of Life Lab – TA,** *Tulane University*
- 2016 **General Ecology Lab – TA,** *Tulane University*
- 2015, **Tropical Field Biology & Conservation - TA,** *Tulane University*
- 2013 An immersive study abroad course with a strong focus on engaged scholarship and experiential learning in the field. Based in Ecuador.
- 2012 **R Club – Founder and leader,** *Tulane University*
Group of faculty and students learning the R statistical programming language.
- 2011 **Techniques in Conservation Biology - TA,** *Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute*
A field course with an overview of techniques used by conservation biologists and wildlife managers. For University of Pennsylvania students.

SERVICE & OUTREACH

- 2015 **Linking Scholarship & Applied Research: Community-based Conservation & Development.** Taylor Center for Social Innovation & Design Thinking, Tulane University
- 2015 **Forest Fragment Symposium with landowners and local officials.** La Y de la Laguna, Mache-Chindul Ecological Reserve, Ecuador
- 2014 **Annual Environmental Fair.** La Y de la Laguna, Mache-Chindul Ecological Reserve, Ecuador

- 2014 **Science Fair Judge – Senior computer science.** New Orleans Science and Engineering Fair, New Orleans, LA
- 2014 **Science Fair Judge (6th – 8th grade).** Benjamin Franklin Elementary Mathematics and Science school, New Orleans, LA
- 2013 **Classroom helper (6th grade Life science), Reading mentor (Kindergarten).** Benjamin Banneker Charter Public School, New Orleans, LA
- 2013 **College Captain for STEM Awareness (8th grade).** Viva Technology, Luling, LA
- 2013 **Science Fair Judge (6th – 8th grade).** Benjamin Franklin Elementary Mathematics and Science school, New Orleans, LA
- 2012 **Math and Science Tutor (8th grade).** Sophie B. Wright Public Charter School, New Orleans, LA
- 2012 **Annual Environmental Fair.** La Y de la Laguna, Mache-Chindul Ecological Reserve, Ecuador

MANUSCRIPT REVIEWS: Biotropica (3x), Ecological Monographs

LANGUAGES: Spanish, R, C++, Python, HTML, CSS