# Marc A. Beer

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## **EDUCATION**

Ph.D., Biology 2019—Present

Washington State University

GPA: 4.00/4.00

**B.S., Biology** 2015—2019

University of Iowa

Minor: Environmental Science

University Honors, Honors in Major, Phi Beta Kappa, with highest distinction

GPA: 4.19/4.00

FELLOWSHIPS TOTAL: \$148,500.00

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship 2020—Present

\$138,000

Philip H. Abelson Graduate Fellowship 2019—2021

Washington State University - \$8,000.00

Iowa Center for Research by Undergraduates Summer Fellowship 2017

University of Iowa - \$2,500.00

## **AWARDS and HONORS**

| Univ. of Iowa Honors Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement | 2019                       |
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| Phi Beta Kappa Society  | Inducted 2018              |
| Univ. of Iowa President's List                                  | Seven semesters, 2016—2019 |
| Univ. of Iowa Dean's List                                       | Eight semesters, 2015—2019 |
| Univ. of Iowa Tuition Scholarship                               | 2016—2019                  |
| Univ. of Iowa Old Gold Scholarship                              | 2015—2019                  |
| Univ. of Iowa National Scholars Award                           | 2015—2019                  |
| Bill and John Fenton Scholarship                                | 2018                       |
| Lowden Prize in Biology   | 2018                       |
| Rhodes Dunlap Second and Third Year Awards                      | 2017—2018                  |
| Myrna Lee Sprengeler Memorial Scholarship                       | 2017                       |
| Univ. of Iowa Classics Departmental Latin Award                 | 2017                       |
| Ralph K. and Maxine J. Hibbs Scholarship                        | 2016                       |

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

## School of Biological Sciences, Washington State University

2019—Present

Doctoral Research, Advisor: Dr. Andrew Storfer

- Population genomics of the Tasmanian devil (Sarchophilus harrisii)
- Landscape genomics of the streamside salamander (Ambystoma barbouri)

## Department of Biology, University of Iowa

2017-2019

Undergraduate Honors Research, Advisor: Dr. Andrew Forbes

• Investigation of character displacement among host-sharing species in fly genus Strauzia

Investigation of the thermal melanism hypothesis in three temporally isolated Strauzia species

#### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

#### General Biology (BIO 102), Teaching Assistant

2020

School of Biological Sciences, Washington State University

- Taught 36 students per semester
- Led laboratory experiments

#### General Ecology (BIO 372), Teaching Assistant

2019

School of Biological Sciences, Washington State University

- Taught 36 students per semester
- Led laboratory and field experiments

### **PUBLICATIONS**

Hippee, A.C., **Beer, M.A**., Bagley, R.K., Condon, M.A., Lisowski, E.A., Norrbom, A.L., and A.A. Forbes. Host shifting and host sharing in a genus of specialist flies diversifying alongside their sunflower hosts. Manuscript in preparation.

Forbes, A.A., Bagley, R.K., **Beer, M.A**., Hippee, A.C., and H.A. Widmayer. 2018. Quantifying the unquantifiable: why Hymenoptera - not Coleoptera - is the most speciose animal order. BMC Ecology 18:21.

#### **BOOK CHAPTERS**

Storfer, A., Kozakiewicz, C.P., **Beer, M.A.**, and A.E. Savage. 2020. Applications of population genomics for understanding and mitigating wildlife disease. In Population Genomics: Wildlife (P. Hohenlohe and O.P. Rajora, eds.).

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

**Beer, M.A**., Hippee, A.C., and A.A. Forbes. 2018. Adaptive consequences of color variation among recently diverged varieties of a specialist insect. Poster presented at: Iowa Center for Research by Undergraduates 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Undergraduate Research Festival. University of Iowa.

#### **SERVICE and OUTREACH**

| Palouse Discovery Science Center, Pullman, WA   | 2019—Present                        |
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| <ul> <li>Designed and led scientific enrichment activities for children ages 3-13yrs</li> </ul>   |                                     |
| Invited research talk, Undergraduate Research Club, Washington State University  • Presented doctoral research to promote interest in scientific research | 2020                                |
| Univ. of Iowa Biological Interests Organization<br>Fermilab Ecological Restoration Volunteer<br>Univ. of Iowa Student Garden                              | 2015—2019<br>2017—2018<br>2015—2016 |

## LABORATORY and COMPUTATIONAL SKILLS

**DNA** extraction

Polymerase chain reaction

Population genetics software (e.g., Stacks, fastSTRUCTURE, adegenet, migrate-n)

Geometric morphometric analysis software (e.g., geomorph, tps programs)

Geographic information systems (ArcGIS, QGIS)

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

American Society of Naturalists Society for the Study of Evolution 2020—Present 2018—2019