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## RESEARCH

I study how we can predict and prevent the erosion of biodiversity under global environmental change. Working at the intersection of conservation biogeography, global change biology, and data science, I integrate new modeling approaches with big data to explore the processes that shape the geographic distributions of genes, species, and ecosystems at large scales.

## EDUCATION

PhD, Integrative Biology 2020  
University of California, Berkeley—David Ackerly, advisor  
Thesis: *Plants on the move: the biogeography of dispersal and persistence under climate change*

BA, Conservation Biology & Environmental Studies 2005  
Middlebury College—Stephen Trombulak & Andrea Lloyd, advisors  
Thesis: *The ecophysiology of alpine treeline: a case study of balsam fir*

## AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

NSF Graduate Research Fellow (\$102,000 + tuition) 2015–2020  
Berkeley Fellow (\$60,000 + tuition) 2015–2020  
NSF NRT Data Science Fellow 2015–2017  
USGS-NatureServe EcoInforma student app award (\$2000 travel) 2015  
EPA Apps for the Environment (National runner-up) 2011  
Departmental High Honors & *Magna Cum Laude*, Middlebury College 2005

## RESEARCH POSITIONS

Postdoctoral Scholar, Ackerly Lab—UC Berkeley 2020–present  
Consultant in Global Change Biology—NatureServe 2015–2019  
Bioclimate Analyst—NatureServe 2013–2015  
Science Analyst—Brighter Planet 2008–2013  
Supervisory Biologist—Institute for Wildlife Studies 2007–2008  
Canid Ecology Crew Leader—Yellowstone Ecol. Rsrch. Center 2005–2006  
Plant Ecology Technician—US Geological Survey 2005  
Ungulate Ecology Technician—National Park Service 2005  
Environmental Intern—Administración Ambiental Cooperativa Chilena 2004  
Research Assistant—USDA National Wildlife Research Center 2002

## LANGUAGES & SKILLS

Spoken: English (native), French (adv.), Spanish (adv.), German (beg.)  
Programming: R (adv.), Python (int.), L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X(int.), git (int.)  
Geographic information systems: ArcGIS, R  
Design software: Illustrator, InDesign, Photoshop

**Kling, M.**, and D. Ackerly. (2021) Global wind patterns shape genetic differentiation, asymmetric gene flow, and genetic diversity in trees. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, *in press*.

Skelton, R., L. Anderegg, J. Diaz, **M. Kling**, P. Papper, L. Lamarque, S. Delzon, T. Dawson, and D. Ackerly. (2021) Evolutionary relationships between drought-related traits and climate shaped large hydraulic safety margins in North American oaks. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 118(10); doi 10.1073/pnas.2008987118

**Kling, M.**, and D. Ackerly. (2020) Global wind patterns and the vulnerability of wind-dispersed species to climate change. *Nature Climate Change*, 10: 868-875; doi 10.1038/s41558-020-0848-3

Ackerly, D., **M. Kling**, M. Clark, P. Papper, M. Oldfather, A. Flint, and L. Flint. (2020) Topoclimates and Biotic Responses to Climate Change: Which locations on the landscape will be most sensitive? *Frontiers in Ecology and the Environment*, 18(5): 288297; doi 10.1002/fee.2204

Stevens, J., **M. Kling**, D. Schwilk, M. Varner, and J. Kane (2020). Biogeography of fire regimes in western US conifer forests: a trait-based approach. *Global Ecology and Biogeography*, 29: 944-955; doi 10.1111/geb.13079

**Kling, M.**, S. Auer, P. Comer, D. Ackerly, and H. Hamilton (2020). Multiple axes of ecological vulnerability to climate change. *Global Change Biology*, 26: 2798-2813; doi 10.1111/gcb.15008

Oldfather, M., **M. Kling**, S. Sheth, N. Emery, and D. Ackerly (2019). Range Edges in Heterogeneous Landscapes: Incorporating Realistic Landscapes into Range Dynamics. *Global Change Biology*, 26: 1055-1067; doi 10.1111/gcb.14897

Comer, P., J. Hak, M. Reid, S. Auer, K. Schulz, H. Hamilton, R. Smyth, and **M. Kling** (2019). Assessing climate change vulnerability of major vegetation types of the western interior United States. *Land* 8(7): 108

Skelton, R., Anderegg, L., Papper, P., Dawson, T., **Kling, M.**, Thompson, S., Diaz, J., Reich, E., and D. Ackerly (2019). No local adaptation in leaf or stem xylem vulnerability to embolism, but consistent vulnerability segmentation in a North American oak. *New Phytologist*, doi: 10.1111/nph.15886

Daru, B., **M. Kling**, E. Meineke, and A. van Wyk (2019). Temperature controls phenology in continuously flowering *Protea* species of subtropical Africa. *Applications in Plant Sciences* 7(3): e1232

**Kling, M.**, B. Mishler, B. Baldwin, A. Thornhill, and D. Ackerly (2018). Facets of phylodiversity: evolutionary diversification, divergence, and survival as conservation targets. *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B* 374: 20170397

Moruet-Holme, N., M. Oldfather, R. Olliff-Yang, A. Weitz, C. Lefine, **M. Kling**, E. Riordan, C. Merow, S. Sheth, A. Thornhill, and D. Ackerly (2018). Best practices for reporting climate data in ecology. *Nature Climate Change* 8:92–94

Thornhill, A., B. Baldwin, W. Freyman, S. Nostratinia, **M. Kling**, N. Moruet-Holme, T. Madsen, D. Ackerly, and B. Mishler (2017). Spatial phylogenetics of the native California flora. *BCM Biology* 15(1): 96

Hammerson, G., **M. Kling**, M. Harkness, M. Ormes, and B. Young (2017). Strong geographic and temporal patterns in the conservation status of North American bats. *Biological Conservation* 212: 144–152

Baldwin, B., A. Thornhill, W. Freyman, D. Ackerly, **M. Kling**, N. Moruet-Holme, and B. Mishler (2017). Species richness and endemism in the native flora of California. *American Journal of Botany*, 104(3): 487–501

Sterner, R., **M. Kling**, S. Schwiff, and D. Slate (2003). Oral rabies vaccination: reducing economic uncertainty via response surface analysis. *Proceedings of the 10th Wildlife Damage Management Conference* (K. Fagerstone, G. Witmer, Eds).

## INVITED TALKS

**Kling, M.** (2019, Dec). California plant conservation gaps: an evolutionary perspective. Mary Bowerman Science & Research Colloquium, Berkeley, California.

**Kling, M.** (2019, Dec). Winds of change: climate-driven migration and the geography of wind. Carnegie Institution at Stanford, Palo Alto, California.

**Kling, M.** (2019, Oct). California plant conservation gaps: an evolutionary perspective. Half-Earth Day symposium, Berkeley, California.

**Kling, M.** (2019, Sep). Seeds of change: climate-smart seed collection for ecological restoration. Bay Area National Park Science Symposium, San Francisco, California.

**Kling, M.** (2019, May). Save the trees: informing conservation planning with multiple facets of phylogenetic diversity. Hennig XXXVIII symposium, Berkeley, California.

**Kling, M.,** S. Brown, A. Harvey, and P. Gonzalez (2019, May). Seeds of change: climate-smart seed provenancing for ecological restoration. US National Park Service workshop, San Francisco, California.

**Kling, M.** (2018, Sep). Conserving the evolutionary diversity of the California flora. Botany Lunch seminar series, Berkeley, California.

**CONTRIB.  
TALKS &  
POSTERS**

**Kling, M.** and D. Ackerly (2020, Aug). Isolation by wind: wind connectivity shapes the landscape genetics of the world's forests. Talk presented at Ecological Society of America, virtual conference.

**Kling, M.**, H. Hamilton, D. Ackerly, P. Comer, and S. Auer (2020, Jul). Dimensions of climate change vulnerability and their management implications. Talk presented at North American Congress for Conservation Biology, virtual conference.

**Kling, M.** and D. Ackerly (2019, Jul). Winds of change: wind connectivity, gene flow, and climate adaptation in trees. Talk presented at Species on the Move, Kruger, South Africa.

**Kling, M.**, B. Mishler, B. Baldwin, A. Thornhill, and D. Ackerly (2018, Jul). Conserving the evolutionary diversity of the California flora. Talk presented at North American Congress for Conservation Biology, Toronto, Canada.

**Kling, M.**, B. Mishler, B. Baldwin, A. Thornhill, and D. Ackerly (2018, Jun). Future priorities for conserving the evolutionary diversity of the California flora. Talk presented at Digital Data in Biodiversity Research Conference, Berkeley, CA.

**Kling, M.** (2016, Dec). Multidecadal historic trends in California's coastal fog. Poster presented at the American Geophysical Union, San Francisco, CA.

**Kling, M.**, E. Burns, P. Cowan, and H. Hamilton (2016, Sept). The coast redwood climate envelope: 20th-century trends across space and time. Talk presented at Coast Redwood Science Symposium, Eureka, CA.

**Kling, M.**, M. Fernandez, and H. Hamilton (2014, Jun). The biogeography of recent climate change in coast redwood ecosystems. Poster presented at the Smithsonian Botanical Symposium, Washington, DC.

**Kling, M.**, M. Fernandez, and H. Hamilton (2014, Jul). Spatiotemporal patterns in greater sage-grouse exposure to recent climate change. Talk presented at the Society for Conservation GIS Conference, Monterey, CA.

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LITERATURE**

EcoAdapt [multiple authors] (2014). A Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment for Resources of Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests. Version 3.0. EcoAdapt, Bainbridge Island, WA.

Bureau of Land Management [multiple authors] (2014). Madrean Archipeligo Rapid Ecoloregional Assessment. US BLM, Washington, DC.

**Kling, M.** and I. Hough (2011). Air travel carbon and energy efficiency: case studies, best practices, industry trends, airline rankings. Brighter Planet, San Francisco, CA. Presented at the 2012 Conference of the Institute for Computational Sustainability, Copenhagen, Denmark.

**Kling, M.** and I. Hough (2012). Hotel carbon and energy efficiency: chain rankings, industry trends, efficiency drivers, market patterns. Brighter Planet, San Francisco, CA

**Kling, M.** and I. Hough (2011). Employee Engagement in Sustainability. Brighter Planet, San Francisco, CA

**Kling, M.** and I. Hough (2010). The American carbon footprint: understanding your foods impact on climate change. Brighter Planet, San Francisco, CA

**Kling, M.** (2005). The ecophysiology of alpine treeline: spatial patterns in balsam fir (*Abies balsamea*) growth and water relations on Mount Abraham, Vermont. Undergraduate senior honors thesis, Middlebury College.

## TEACHING

**Data Science in Global Change Ecology**, UC Berkeley *Fall 2019*  
Graduate Student Instructor

**Reproducible & Collaborative Data Science**, UC Berkeley *Spring 2019*  
Graduate Student Instructor

**Building web applications with Shiny**, UC Berkeley *Jan 2019; Jan 2018*  
Lead workshop instructor

**Introductory R**, UC Berkeley *Jan 2017*  
Workshop co-instructor

## PEER REVIEW

Biological Conservation; Conservation Science and Practice; Diversity and Distributions; Global Change Biology; Global Ecology and Biogeography; Heredity; Journal of Biogeography; Landscape Ecology; National Science Foundation DEB; PeerJ; Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society: B; PLOS One; Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences

## SOCIETIES

Ecological Society of America  
International Biogeography Society  
American Geophysical Union  
Society for Conservation Biology  
Society for Conservation GIS