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Research Interests

I enjoy investigating how ecological and genetic factors influence the evolutionary process, and *vice versa*. Recent/ongoing projects use mathematical models to investigate (i) the role of sex and epistasis in shaping genetic signatures of evolutionary rescue, (ii) the impact of haploid selection on the lability of sex determination systems, (iii) the effect of species interactions on evolution and persistence in changing environments, and (iv) how non-Mendelian inheritance affects the likelihood of crossing valleys of fitness created by epistasis. Past projects involved actual fieldwork on real plant communities and wild birds.

Education

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| Ph.D. | Zoology, University of British Columbia
Title: <i>Adaptive challenges: fitness valleys and evolutionary rescue</i>
Supervisor: Sarah Otto
Committee: Amy Angert, Michael Doebeli, Michael Whitlock | 2013 - |
| M.Sc. | Biology, McGill University
Title: <i>Eco-evolutionary rescue: an adaptive dynamic analysis</i>
Supervisor: Claire de Mazancourt
Committee: Michel Loreau, Frédéric Guichard | 2010 - 2012 |
| B.Sc.H. | Mathematics & Biology, Queen's University
Honours title: <i>The meaning of female coloration in the American redstart</i>
Honours Supervisor: Laurene Ratcliffe
Committee: Paul Martin | 2004 - 2008 |

Publications

7. **Osmond M**, Klausmeier C. *Accepted* An evolutionary tipping point in a changing environment. *Evolution*
6. **Osmond M**, Otto S, Klausmeier C. 2017. When predators help prey adapt and persist in a changing environment. *The American Naturalist* 190: 83-98. [F1000Prime Recommended]
5. **Osmond M**, Barbour M, Bernhardt J, Pennell M, Sunday J, O'Connor M. 2017. Warming induced changes to body size stabilize consumer-resource dynamics. *The American Naturalist* 189: 718-725.
4. Toews D, Delmore K, **Osmond M**, Taylor P, Irwin D. 2017. Migratory orientation in a narrow avian hybrid zone. *PeerJ* 5:e3201.
3. **Osmond M**, Otto S. 2015. Fitness-valley crossing with generalized parent-offspring transmission. *Theoretical Population Biology* 105:1-16.
2. **Osmond M**, Reudink M, Marra P, Germain R, Nocera J, Boag P, Ratcliffe L. 2013. Carotenoid-based female plumage is correlated with age, reproductive behavior and mate color in the American Redstart. *Canadian Journal of Zoology* 91:589-595.

1. **Osmond M**, de Mazancourt C. 2013. How competition affects evolutionary rescue. *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences* 368:20120085.

Selected Awards

2017-2018	Graduate Student Fellowship, University of British Columbia	\$16,500
2015	2 nd best talk, Canadian Society for Ecology and Evolution Meeting, Saskatoon	\$300
2013-2017	Alexander Graham Bell Canada Graduate Scholarship (CGS-D), NSERC	\$105,000
2013-2014	Faculty of Science Graduate Award, University of British Columbia	\$6,000
2013-2018	Four Year Fellowship, University of British Columbia	\$18,000
2013-2014	BRITE Fellowship, University of British Columbia & NSERC	\$6,000
2011-2012	Dr. Neal Simon Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000
2011-2012	Alexander Graham Bell Canada Graduate Scholarship (CGS-M), NSERC	\$17,500
2011-2012	Excellence Award, Quebec Centre for Biodiversity Science	\$2,500
2010-2011	Science and Technology Award, Ontario Graduate Scholarship	\$5,000
2007	Undergraduate Student Research Award (USRA), NSERC	\$4,500

Professional experience

2016	Visiting researcher University of Montpellier and CNRS (O. Ronce, T. Lenormand)
2016	Participant Stochastic Models in Evolution workshop (M. Kirkpatrick, T. Day, <i>et al.</i>)
2013	Post-M.Sc. Michigan State University (C. Klausmeier, E. Litchman)
2012, 2013, 2014	Visiting researcher University of Helsinki (S. Geritz, E. Kisdi)
2012	Research assistant University of British Columbia (D. Irwin)
2010-2012	Member Eco-evolutionary working group (A. Gonzalez <i>et al.</i>)
2010	Research assistant USGS (J. Piatt) and University of Victoria (A. Burger)
2009-2010	M.Sc. (withdrew) Lakehead University (A. Mallik)
2007-2008	B.Sc. thesis Queen's University (M. Reudink, L. Ratcliffe)

Academic Service

Referee *Genetics* (2), *Evolution* (1), *The American Naturalist* (4), *Journal of Theoretical Biology* (1), *Biological Journal of the Linnean Society* (1), *Journal of Statistical Mechanics* (1)

2016-	Organizer Let's Assume (evol. theory discussion group), University of British Columbia
2014	Organizer Vancouver Evolution Group (regional journal club), Vancouver
2010-2012	Organizer Eco-Theoretic Cafe (mathematical ecology discussion group), McGill University
2007	Volunteer Society of Canadian Ornithologists meeting. Queen's University

Programming Languages

Mathematica, L^AT_EX, python, R

Teaching Experience

2014, 2016, 2017	Marker Population Genetics, University of British Columbia
2011	Mentor for work-study undergraduate student, McGill University
2010	Teaching Assistant Math Models in Biology, McGill University
2010	Teaching Assistant Organismal Biology, McGill University
2010	Teaching Assistant Evolutionary Concepts, Lakehead University
2009	Teaching Assistant Ecology, Lakehead University

Selected Presentations

- Osmond M**, Scott M, Otto S. 2017. Gametic competition, meiotic drive, sex ratio selection, and transitions between sex determination systems. Talk, Evolution conference, Portland, USA.
- Osmond M**, Klausmeier C. 2017. Evolutionary tipping points in changing environments. Talk, Canadian Society for Ecology and Evolution conference, Victoria, Canada.
- Osmond M**, Martin G, Otto S, Ronce O. 2016. Genetic signatures of evolutionary rescue with sex. Invited talk, Stochastic Models for the Inference of Life Evolution group, College de France, Paris, France.
- Osmond M**, Otto S. 2016. Subcritical adaptation: fitness valleys and evolutionary rescue. Invited talk, Stochastic and Deterministic Models for Evolutionary Biology workshop, Oaxaca, Mexico.
- Osmond M**, Otto S, Klausmeier C. 2016. When predators help prey adapt and persist. Talk, Evolution conference, Austin, USA.
- Osmond M**, Otto S. 2015. Crossing fitness-valleys without the help of Mendel: extending theory. Talk, Canadian Society for Ecology and Evolution conference, Saskatoon, Canada.
- Osmond M**, Otto S. 2014. Crossing fitness-valleys without the help of Mendel. Poster, Evolution conference, Raleigh, USA.
- Osmond M**, Weigang H. 2012. Shorter generation times, slower evolution? Impact of life-history on evolution. Poster, Swedish Meeting on Mathematics in Biology, Lund, Sweden.
- Osmond M**, de Mazancourt C. 2012. How competition affects evolutionary rescue. Talk, Joint Congress on Evolutionary Biology, Ottawa, Canada.
- Osmond M**, de Mazancourt C. 2011. To adapt and persist in a changing environment. Invited talk, Mick Follows lab, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston, USA.

Selected Courses Taken

2017	Evolutionary Quantitative Genetics	J. Felsenstein, S. Arnold, <i>et al.</i>
2016	Bioinformatics for Evolutionary Biology	G. Owens, K. Hodgins
2015	Complex Systems Summer School	Sante Fe Institute
2015	Population Ecology	A. Angert
2013	Population Genetics	M. Whitlock
2013	Metacommunities	M. Leibold & C. Klausmeier
2012	Advanced Evolutionary Ecology	A. Hendry
2011	Adaptive Dynamics	S. Geritz & C. Klausmeier
2010	Linking Community and Ecosystem Ecology	M. Loreau