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Education

- 2021 Ph.D. in Biology (Anticipated)
Temple University
Advisor: Dr. Matthew Helmus
- 2013 B.S. in Biology
Pepperdine University
Magna Cum Laude

Academic Positions

- 2017– *Graduate Student*, Integrative Ecology Lab
- Thesis: “TBD”
 - Study of biodiversity and ecology of the Caribbean, especially of herpetofauna
- 2014–2017 *Research Assistant*, Cameron Siler Lab
- Study of the biodiversity and systematics of Philippine herpetofauna
 - Specimen/tissue curation for research in the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History (SNOMNH)
- 2017–2017 *Research Assistant*: “Tracking the Emergence of Infectious Disease Among Amphibian Species of Greatest Conservation Need—Amphibian Surveys of Wildlife Management Areas in Oklahoma to Determine Current Distribution, Status, and Health of Native Communities”, Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation
- Lead expeditions to collect data for amphibians throughout Oklahoma
 - Subsample and prepare tissues for infectious disease screening
 - Curate and catalogue vouchered specimens in SNOMNH
- 2015–2016 *Herpetology Curatorial Assistant*, Sam Noble OK Museum of Natural History
- Conduct relabeling to update collection taxonomy
 - Survey, catch, and process specimens for deposition in collection
 - Entry/review of specimen collection database (morphology, locality, etc.)
- 2015–2015 *Mammology Curatorial Assistant*, Sam Noble OK Museum of Natural History
- Inventory/validate records for current specimens in the mammal collection
 - Entry of specimen data (morphology, locality, etc.) into collection database
- 2013–2014 *Research Assistant*, Pepperdine University
- Organize and carry out annual stream surveys of SMM streams
 - Provide critical feedback on studies prior to journal submission
 - Compile data into a central database of amphibian surveys that began in 1991
 - Meet weekly with supervisor to discuss research projects
- 2013–2014 *Administrative Assistant*, Pepperdine University
- Assist the Vice Provost for Research with the Waves of Innovation funding program
 - Final review proposals, presentations, and official documents before submission
 - Interact with high profile University members and coordinate committee meetings

- 2013–2014 *Research Student*, Rodney Honeycutt Lab
- Use genetic lab techniques to analyze population phylogeography
 - Study local populations of *Taricha torosa*
- 2009–2014 *Research Student*, Lee Kats Lab
- Investigate behavioral ecology in the streams of the Santa Monica Mountains (SMM) and the rainforest of the La Selva Research Station in Costa Rica
 - Regular stream surveys in the SMM for USGS and State Park Services
 - Annual presentation of current research at SCCUR (see below for list)
- 2013–2013 *Restoration Ecologist*, Mountains Restoration Trust (MRT)
- Head up the invasive crayfish removal project (CRP) at Tapia Park (Malibu Creek)
 - Supervise trapping, characterization, and removal of invasive *Procambarus clarkii*
 - Lead invasion ecology education side project via remote video and in person instruction
 - Manage the CRP data set and collaborate with local scientists
- 2009–2013 *Office Assistant*, Pepperdine University Seaver Dean's Office
- Greet visitors, digitize documents, and facilitate interdepartmental communications
 - Assist event preparation for faculty/research award ceremonies
 - Support the aforementioned events in person and provide presentation technical support

Research Interests

Community Ecology, Biodiversity and Systematics, Conservation Biology, Herpetology, and Tropical Ecology

Teaching Experience

- 2016 *Introductory Biology: Molecules, Cells, and Physiology*, University of Oklahoma (TA, 1 semester)
- 2016 *Field Herpetology*, University of Oklahoma (TA, 2 weeks)
- 2015 *Human Physiology*, University of Oklahoma (TA, 1 semester)
- 2014 *Introductory Zoology*, University of Oklahoma (TA, 1 semester)
- 2012 *Introduction to Ecology*, Pepperdine University (Undergraduate TA, 1 semester)
- 2011–2012 *Keck Research Seminar*, Pepperdine University (Student Mentor, 2 semesters)
- 2010–2013 *Cellular Biology*, Pepperdine University (Undergraduate TA, 4 semesters)
- 2010–2011 *General Chemistry*, Pepperdine University (Tutor, 2 semesters)

Publications

- Marhanka, EC, Watters, JL, **Huron, NA**, McMillin, SL, Winfrey, CC, Curtis, DJ, Davis, DR, Farkas, JK, Kerby, JL, Siler, CD. 2017. Detection of high prevalence of *Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis* in amphibians from southern Oklahoma, USA. *Herpetological Review* 48:70–74.
- Siler, CD, Davis, DR, Freitas, ES, **Huron, NA**, Geheber, AD, Watters, JL, Penrod, ML, Papeş, M, Amrein, A, Anwar, A, Cooper, D, Hein, T, Manning, A, Patel, N, Pinaroc, L, Diesmos, AC, Diesmos, ML, Oliveros, CH, Brown, RM. 2016. Description of a new species of Slender Skink of the *Brachymeles bonitae* Complex (Reptilia: Squamata: Scincidae) from the northern Philippines. *Zootaxa*, 4132:15–29.
- Huron, NA**, Realubit, NDC, Cobb, KA, Brown, JC, Bergmann, P, Morinaga, G, Diesmos, AC, Diesmos, ML, Brown, RM, Siler, CD. 2016. Discovery of new island populations of the recently described False Geckos (*Pseudogekko pungkaypinit* and *Pseudogekko ditoy*): Conservation implications for the eastern Philippines. *Herpetological Review*, 47:1–4.

6. Diesmos, AC, Waters, JL, **Huron, NA**, Davis, DR, Alcala, AC, Crombie, RI, Afuang, LE, Gee-Das, G, Sison, RV, Sanguila, MB, Penrod, ML, Labonte, MJ, Davey, CS, Leone, EA, Diesmos, ML, Sy, EY, Welton, LJ, Brown, RM, Siler, CS. 2015. Amphibians of the Philippines, part I: checklist of the species. *Proceedings of the California Academy of Sciences*, 62:457–539.
5. Davis, DR, Sanguila, MB, Brown, JC, Brown, RM, Cobb, KA, Begmann, P, Morinaga, G, **Huron, NA**, Watters, JL, Siler, CD. 2015. Natural History Notes: *Pseudogekko ditoy* (Leyte Diminutive False Gecko) Morphology. *Herpetological Review*, 46:634.
4. Heitz, BB, Ellsworth, ED, **Huron, NA**, Geheber, AD, Siler, CD. 2015. Geographic Distribution: *Sonora semiannulata* (Variable Groundsnake). *Herpetological Review*, 46:577.
3. Sanguila, MB, Realubit, NDC, Diesmos, ML, Lorenzo II, A, De Layola, A, Brown, JC, Cobb, KA, Bergmann, P, Morinaga, G, Freitas, ES, **Huron, NA**, Watters, JL. 2015. Geographic Distribution: *Pelophryne lighti* (Mindanao Flathead Toad). *Herpetological Review*, 46:380.
2. Realubit, NDC, Diesmos, ML, Lorenzo II, A, De Layola, A, Diesmos, AC, Brown, JC, Brown, RM, Cobb, KA, Bergmann, P, Morinaga, G, Siler, CD, **Huron, NA**, Siler, JM. 2015. Geographic Distribution: *Draco Mindanensis* (Mindanao Flying Lizard). *Herpetological Review*, 46:216.
1. Davis, DR, Watters, JL, Köhler, G, Whitsett, C, **Huron, NA**, Brown, RM, Diesmos, AC, Siler, CD. 2015. Re-description of the rare Philippine slender gecko *Pseudogekko brevipes* (Reptilia: Squamata: Gekkonidae) and description of a new species. *Zootaxa*, 4020:357–374.

Research Grants

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| 2017 | University of Oklahoma Graduate Student Senate Research Grant | \$150.00 |
| 2015 | University of Oklahoma Graduate Student Senate Research Grant | \$562.50 |
| 2015 | Henri C. Seibert Award (Ecology), Society for the Study of Amphibians and Reptiles | \$200.00 |
| 2015 | L. G. Hill Zoology Excellence Fund | \$475.00 |

Honors, Awards, and Fellowships

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| 2017– | Temple University Fellowship |
| 2013 | Selection for Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges |
| 2012–2013 | Blanche E. Seaver Faculty Scholarship |
| 2011–2013 | Pepperdine University Natural Science Award |
| 2011–2012 | Pepperdine University Seaver College Faculty/Staff Scholarship |
| 2010 | Seaver College Dean's List (2 Semesters) |
| 2010 | Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society Induction |

Presentations and Posters

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| 2015 | Society for the Study of Amphibians and Reptiles Meeting, University of Kansas (Lawrence, KS U.S.A.) |
| 2013 | Southern California Conference of Undergraduate Research (SCCUR), Whittier College (Whittier, CA U.S.A.) |
| 2012 | SCCUR, California State University Channel Islands (Camarillo, CA U.S.A.) |
| 2011 | SCCUR, Mt. San Antonio College (Walnut, CA U.S.A.) |
| 2010 | SCCUR, Pepperdine University (Malibu, CA U.S.A.) |

Skills

Lab and Fieldwork

- Amphibian/reptile field collection (destructive/non-destructive tissue sampling, specimen preparation, *Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis*/ranavirus swabbing, eDNA collection)
- Ecological survey techniques (e.g., Stream Health Biotic Index)
- Amphibian/Reptile care and husbandry
- Lab safety and general genetic sequencing (tissue extraction, PCR, gel electrophoresis)

Computer

- R statistics program (including development of functions and scripts)
- Geographic Information Systems software (ArcGIS and qGIS)
- Ecological Niche Modeling (Maxent)
- Python and Git version control (Novice)
- Presentation and A/V set-up
- Microsoft Office applications
- Document copier and scanning

Language

- Proficient in conversational German
- Limited experience with conversational Tagalog

Professional Membership

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| 2015 | Society for the Study of Amphibians and Reptiles (SSAR) |
| 2015 | The Herpetologists' League (HL) |
| 2013 | American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists (ASIH) |

Extracurricular Activities and Service

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| 2014–2017 | Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assist in coordination of the Department of Herpetology annual public events• Mentoring of undergraduate research volunteers in the Department of Herpetology• Identify collected specimens and interface with public during the annual Oklahoma Bioblitz |
| 2011– | Sigma Phi Epsilon national social fraternity (alumnus) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Member of the California Psi chapter• Vice President of Recruitment (2012 calendar year)• Semesterly trips to build homes in Tecate, Mexico (Club Dust)• Annual philanthropy to benefit YouthAIDS |
| 2009–2013 | Pepperdine University GreenTeam <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Member and volunteer• Helped initiate “Trayless Tuesday” to increase environmental awareness |