

David H. Klinges



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EDUCATION

Aug 2024 **Ph.D. Interdisciplinary Ecology**, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL. Advisor: Brett Scheffers

2017 **B.A. Biology (High Honors)**; Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2024 – **Postdoctoral Associate**, Yale University, New Haven, CT. Advisor: Dr. David Skelly

2024 – **Affiliate Faculty**, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

2018 – 19 **GIS and Data Technician**, Smithsonian Institution, Edgewater, MD & Front Royal, VA

- Curator of a global database of community-sourced soil carbon, 2x size of database during employment
- Led geospatial R and GitHub tutorials for ecologists, built RShiny map website (<https://goo.gl/jLSBd6>)

2017 **Resident Naturalist**, Alliance for a Sustainable Amazon, Madre de Dios, Peru

2016 **REU Intern**, Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium, Cocodrie, LA

RESEARCH INTERESTS

I am a global change biologist interested in **how climate change and land use change jointly impact biodiversity, from microhabitat to global scales**. I use a combination of mathematical models, empirical observations (especially in tropical systems), simulations, and experiments to understand how **organismal physiology and biogeography respond to dynamic environments**, integrating biological and meteorological theory and data. Throughout my work, I have also promoted diversity, equity, and inclusivity, and prioritized applying basic research to inform practical decision-making as we face global change.

Key topics: *Climate Change Ecology, Microclimate, Biodiversity across Scales, Tropical Ecology and Conservation, Remote Sensing*

RECENT GRANTS AND AWARDS (*total awarded to date: \$369,438*)

2024	Wildlife Ecology and Conservation Outstanding Graduate Research Award (<i>one per year</i>)
2023	Smithsonian Climate Change Postdoctoral Fellowship: \$134,000 (<i>awarded, but declined offer</i>)
2023	GoFundMe Crowdfunding Campaign: Randriambololona Memorial Film Fellowship: \$4,076
2023	James Davidson Graduate Travel Scholarship: \$300
2022	Tropical Conservation and Development Practitioner Grant: \$1,000
2022	Robin E. Nadeau Graduate Research Award: \$4,000
2022	Wildlife Ecology and Conservation Travel Grant: \$400
2022	SE Climate Adaptation Science Center Research Mini-Grant: \$1,000
2021	University of Florida International Center Research Abroad for Doctoral Students: \$4,182
2021	School of Natural Resources and Environment Travel Grant: \$250
2020	Explorers Club Fjällräven Field Grant: \$5,000
2020	Tropical Conservation and Development Field Research Grant: \$2,000
2020	GoFundMe Crowdfunding Campaign "Support Forest Climate Research in Madagascar": \$5,230
2019	Thad Owens Memorial Fund: \$3,000
2019	National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship: \$141,000
2019	University of Florida Research Assistantship: \$64,000
2019	University of Miami Dean's Fellowship (<i>awarded, but declined offer</i>)
2019	University of British Columbia Four-Year Fellowship (<i>awarded, but declined offer</i>)
2019	Northwestern Medill School of Journalism Merit Scholarship (<i>awarded, but declined offer</i>)

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

*Corresponding/senior author; [‡]Available upon request; Indicates Undergraduate mentee; Graduate mentee
Summary: H-index: 12; Total Citations: 1,307 (Google Scholar); 20 total papers; 5 first-author papers; 12 papers in journals with IF > 5; 6 papers in journals with IF > 10

- 2024 (20) **Klinges, D.H.*** Microclimate regulates when autumn leaves fall. *In Press at Nature Climate Change*[‡] *Invited perspective*
- (19) **Klinges, D.H.***, [Randriambololona, T.](#), Lange, Z., Laterza-Barbosa, J., [Randrianandrasana, H.](#), Scheffers, B.R. Vertical and diel niches modulate thermal selection by rainforest frogs. *In Press at Proceedings of the Royal Society of London B: Biological Sciences*[‡] DOI: [10.1098/rspb.2024.1497](https://doi.org/10.1098/rspb.2024.1497)
- (18) **Klinges, D.H.***, Baecher, J.A., Lembrechts, J.J., Maclean, I.M.D., Lenoir, J., Greiser, C., Ashcroft, M., Evans, L.J.... Scheffers, B.R. 30 total co-authors. Proximal microclimate: Moving beyond spatiotemporal resolution improves ecological predictions. *Global Ecology and Biogeography*, 33, e13884. DOI: [10.1111/geb.13884](https://doi.org/10.1111/geb.13884)
- (17) Trew, B.T., Edwards, D.P., Lees, A.C., **Klinges, D.H.**, Early, R., Svátek, M., Plichta, R., Matula, R., Okello, J., Niessner, A., Barthel, M., Six, J., Maclean, I. M. D. Novel climates are already widespread beneath the world's tropical forest canopies. *Nature Climate Change*, 14, 753–759. DOI: [10.1038/s41558-024-02031-0](https://doi.org/10.1038/s41558-024-02031-0)
- (16) Malmborg, C., Willson, A.M., Beatty, M., Bradley, L. M., **Klinges, D.H.**, Lewis, A.S.L., Oshinubi, K., Woelmer, W., Koren, G. Defining Model Complexity: An Ecological Perspective. *Meteorological Applications* 31, e2202 DOI: [10.1002/met.2202](https://doi.org/10.1002/met.2202)
- (15) Kemppinen, Julia... **Klinges, D.H.**... et al., 98 total co-authors. Microclimate, an inseparable part of ecology and biogeography. *Global Ecology and Biogeography* e13834 DOI: [10.1111/geb.13834](https://doi.org/10.1111/geb.13834)
- (14) Holmquist, J.R., **Klinges, D.H.**...Megonigal, J.P. 20 total co-authors. The Coastal Carbon Library and Atlas: Open Source Soil Data and Tools Supporting Blue Carbon Research and Policy. *Global Change Biology* 30:e17098. DOI: [10.1111/gcb.17098](https://doi.org/10.1111/gcb.17098)
- 2023 (13) [Price, F.](#), Randriamiharisoa, L., **Klinges, D.H.*** Enhancing demographic diversity of scientist-community collaborations improves wildlife monitoring in Madagascar. *Biological Conservation* 288:110377. DOI: [10.1016/j.biocon.2023.110377](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.biocon.2023.110377). *Klinges senior author.*
- (12) Basham, E.W., Baecher, J.A., **Klinges, D.H.**, Scheffers, B.R. Vertical stratification patterns of tropical forest vertebrates: a meta-analysis. *Biological Reviews* 98:99-114. DOI: [10.1111/brv.12896](https://doi.org/10.1111/brv.12896)
- 2022 (11) **Klinges, D.H.***, Duffy, J., Kearney, M.R., Maclean, I.M.D. mcera5: driving microclimate models with ERA5 global gridded climate data. *Methods in Ecology and Evolution* 13:1402–1411 DOI: [10.1111/2041-210X.13877](https://doi.org/10.1111/2041-210X.13877)
- (10) Rixen, C... **Klinges, D.H.**... et al., 68 total co-authors. Winters are changing: snow effects on Arctic and alpine tundra. *Arctic Science*, 8:572–608. DOI: [10.1139/as-2020-0058](https://doi.org/10.1139/as-2020-0058)
- (9) Lembrechts, J. J., van den Hoogen, J., Aalto, J., Ashcroft, M. B., De Frenne, P., Kemppinen, J., Kopecký, M., Luoto, M., Maclean, I. M. D., Crowther, T. W., Bailey, J. J., Haesen, S., **Klinges, D. H.**...Nijs, I. 272 total co-authors Global maps of soil temperature. *Global Change Biology* 00:1-35. DOI: [10.1111/gcb.16060](https://doi.org/10.1111/gcb.16060)

(8) Todd-Brown, K.E.O., Abromoff, R.Z., Beem-Miller, J., Blair, H.K., Earl, S., Frederick, K.J., Fuka, D.R., Santamaria, M.G., Harden, J.W., Heckman, K., Heran, L.J., Holmquist, J.R., Hoyt, A.M., **Klinges, D.H.**, LeBauer, D.S., Malhotra, A., McClelland, S.C., Nave, L.E., Rocci, K.S., Schaeffer, S.M., Stoner, S., Nvan Gestel, N., von Fromm, S.F., and Younger, M.L. Reviews and syntheses: The promise of big diverse soil data, moving current practices towards future potential. **Biogeosciences** 19:3505–3522. DOI: [10.5194/bg-19-3505-2022](https://doi.org/10.5194/bg-19-3505-2022)

(7) De Lombaerde, E., Vangansbeke, P., Lenoir, J., Van Meerbeek, K., Lembrechts, J., Rodríguez-Sánchez, F., Luoto, M., Scheffers, B., Haesen, S., Aalto, J., Christiansen, D.M., De Pauw, K., Depauw, L., Govaert, S., Greiser, C., Hampe, A., Hylander, K., **Klinges, D. H.**, Koelemeijer, I., Meeussen, C., Ogée, J., Sanczuk, P., Vanneste, T., Zellweger, F., Baeten, L. & De Frenne, P. Maintaining forest cover to enhance temperature buffering under future climate change. **Science of The Total Environment** 151338. DOI: [10.1016/j.scitotenv.2021.151338](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.scitotenv.2021.151338)

2021

(6) Maclean, I.M.D., **Klinges, D.H.** Microclimc: an R package for estimating above, below and within-canopy microclimate. **Ecological Modelling** 451:109567. DOI: [10.1016/j.ecolmodel.2021.109567](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ecolmodel.2021.109567)

(5) Woelmer, W.M., Bradley, L.M., Haber, L.T., **Klinges, D.H.**, Lewis, A.S.L., Mohr, E.J., Torrens, C.L., Wheeler, K.I. & Willson, A.M. Ten simple rules for training yourself in an emerging field. **PLOS Computational Biology**, 17:e1009440. DOI: [10.1371/journal.pcbi.1009440](https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pcbi.1009440)

(4) Frenne, P.D., Lenoir, J., Luoto, M., Scheffers, B.R., Zellweger, F., Aalto, J., Ashcroft, M.B., Christiansen, D.M., Decocq, G., Pauw, K.D., Govaert, S., Greiser, C., Gril, E., Hampe, A., Jucker, T., **Klinges, D.H.**, Koelemeijer, I.A., Lembrechts, J.J., Marrec, R., Meeussen, C., Ogée, J., Tyystjärvi, V., Vangansbeke, P. & Hylander, K. Forest microclimates and climate change: Importance, drivers and future research agenda. **Global Change Biology**, 00:1–19. DOI: [10.1111/gcb.15569](https://doi.org/10.1111/gcb.15569)

(3) **Klinges, D.H.*** & Scheffers, B.R. Microgeography, not just latitude, drives climate overlap on mountains from tropical to polar ecosystems. **The American Naturalist**, 197:75–92. Top 4 Most Read Articles of Autumn 2020. DOI: [10.1086/711873](https://doi.org/10.1086/711873)

2020

(2) Lembrechts, J.J., ... **Klinges, D.H.**...Lenoir, J. 179 total co-authors. SoilTemp: a global database of near-surface temperature. **Global Change Biology**, 00:1–14. DOI: [10.1111/gcb.15123](https://doi.org/10.1111/gcb.15123)

2017

(1) Reinke, B. A., **Klinges, D.H.** *Chelydra serpentina* (Snapping Turtle) behavior. **Herpetological Review** Natural History Notes 48(2):423. [Full text available here.](#)

UNDER
REVIEW

Klinges, D.H.*, Maclean, I.M.D, Scheffers, B.R. Re-drawing Köppen-Geiger classes using microclimate impacts agriculture, the environment and society. *In review at **Frontiers in Ecology and the Environment*** [‡] [Preprint available.](#)

Klinges, D.H.*, Lembrechts, J.J., Van de Vondel, S., [Greenlee, E.](#), Hayles-Cotton, K., Senior, R. A workflow for microclimate sensor networks: integrating geographic tools, statistics, and local knowledge. *In review at **Journal of Applied Ecology***. [‡] [Preprint available.](#)

Klinges, D.H., Martin, C.W., Roberts, B.J. Ecological associations of the coastal marsh periwinkle *Littoraria irrorata*: field and laboratory evidence of vegetation habitat preferences. *Submitted to **PeerJ***[‡]

Rambinintsoa, M., Klinges, D.H., Ratsirarson, J. Effects of seasonal and interannual climate variability on the endangered tortoise *Astrochelys radiata* in southwestern Madagascar. Submitted to **Journal of Herpetology**

Soifer, L., Klinges, D.H.*, Randriamiharisoa, L., Scheffers, B.R. Quantifying the values of community-based biodiversity monitoring in Madagascar using structured-decision analysis. In review at **Biological Conservation**^ψ [Preprint available](#).

De Frenne, P., Beugnon, R., Klinges, D.H., Lenoir, J....*et al.*, 26 total co-authors. Ten practical guidelines for microclimate monitoring in terrestrial ecosystems. In review at **Methods in Ecology and the Environment**.

Baecher, J.A., Klinges, D.H., Evans, L.J., Romagosa, C.M., Fletcher Jr., R.J., Scheffers, B.R. Jointly evaluating management, climate, and land use shows diffuse spread of an invading predatory snake. In revision at **Journal of Applied Ecology**.^ψ [Preprint available](#).

Randriamiharisoa, L., Klinges, D.H., Razafindranaivo, S. Scheffers, B.R Community-sourced knowledge improves biodiversity monitoring in Madagascar's National Parks. In Revision at **Discover Conservation**^ψ

Greenlee, E., Cabral, A., Klinges, D.H., Zegura, E., Hester, J. Opportunities and insights on sensor-based technology for biodiversity conservation in Madagascar. Submitted to **Computer Supported Cooperative Work**^ψ

Marquis, M., Klinges, D.H., Cosset, C., Randriambololona, T., Scheffers, B. Physiological, Morphological, and Behavioral Determinants of Vertical Niche Partitioning of Malagasy Frogs. In review at **UF Journal of Undergraduate Research**^ψ

SOFTWARE

- 2024 **Microclimate sensor networks:** optimal selection of sensor locations for any landscape. Klinges, D.H., Van de Vondel, S. <https://github.com/dklinges9/Microclimate-Sensor-Networks>
- 2023 **microclimf:** fast spatial microclimate modeling anywhere on earth. Maclean, I.M.D., Klinges, D.H. <https://github.com/ilyamaclea/microclimf>
- 2022 **mcera5:** driving microclimate models with ERA5 global gridded climate data. Klinges, D.H., Duffy, J., Kearney, M.R., Maclean, I.M.D. <https://github.com/dklinges9/mcera5>
- 12 stars on GitHub, > 45 users assisted over email/GitHub
- 2021 **microclimc:** estimating above, below and within-canopy microclimate. Maclean, I.M.D., Klinges, D. H. <https://github.com/ilyamaclea/microclimc>

TEACHING AND MENTORING

Students Mentored

PhD students are formally under a separate primary supervisor

- 2024 – Thomas Kelly (PhD), University of Florida (*serving on PhD Committee*)
- 2024 – Eric Greenlee (PhD), Georgia Institute of Technology
- 2022 – Mikoja Rambinintsoa (PhD), University of Antananarivo (*serving on PhD Committee*)
- 2022 – Lydia Soifer (PhD), University of Florida
- 2021 – 24 Fiona Price (Undergraduate), Dartmouth College ([Price et al. 2023](#), Klinges senior author)
- 2019 – 23 Herizo Randrianandrasana (Masters), University of Fianarantsoa
- 2019 – 22 Tsitohaina Randriambololona (PhD), University of Antananarivo (*deceased*)

Teaching Certifications

- 2023 Preparing Future Faculty Course, *University of Florida*
- 2019 Certified Data Carpentries Instructor, *The Carpentries*

Teaching Assistant

2024 Biodiversity Conservation: Global Perspectives (WIS 2552), *University of Florida*
2024 Wildlife Issues in a Changing World (WIS 2040), *University of Florida*
2023 Natural Resource Ecology (WIS3404), *University of Florida*
2017 Peru Project Semester-Long Field Course (TA & Lecturer), *Wildlands Studies*

Workshop Designer/Leader

2025 Spatial Biophysics and Microclimate Tools. *International Biogeography Society, invited*
2025 Modeling physiologically-relevant microclimate variables anywhere on Earth. *ICCB 2025, invited*
2023 Microclimate Data and Models for Ecological Applications. *Species on the Move 2023, invited*
2022 Analyser les Données pour la Gestion du Parc. *Madagascar National Parks, in French*
2020 – 22 Ecological Forecasting Initiative Student Association Workshop (3 consecutive years)
2020 Managing and Analyzing Geospatial Data in R. *Carpentries Workshop, University of Florida*
2019 Exploring Data with R Tidyverse and Git Version control. *Carpentries Workshop, Smithsonian*
2019 Measuring and Modeling Wetlands Soil Carbon. *Smithsonian Environmental Research Center*

Invited Lecturer

Linear Mixed Effects Models, Coding4Conservation (2022); *Global Change Biology, University of Florida* (2021); *Reptiles and Amphibians of the Southeast, University of Florida* (2021)

DEI, SERVICE AND OUTREACH

2021 – **DEI Database Manager, Ecological Forecasting Initiative**

- Developed DEI database quantifying EFI's membership demographics to evaluate what initiatives increase diversity over time. Database used to inform EFI outreach

2021 – **Steering Committee Member, SoilTemp Consortium**

2021 – 22 **Early Career Steering Committee Member, Ecological Forecasting Initiative**

2019 – 23 **Student Association Co-Chair, Ecological Forecasting Initiative**

- One of three inaugural chairs; organized monthly networking, training opportunities, and 3 workshops; composed Student Association's Operating Principles and Procedures

2019 – **Pro Bono Data Analyst, Madagascar National Parks (MNP)**

2019 – **Board Member/Scientific Advisor, Alliance for a Sustainable Amazon, Madre de Dios, Peru**

2019 – 21 **Expert Network Member, Constructing a Digital Environment, NERC, London, UK**

2018 **Museum Sleepover Series Volunteer and Video Producer Smithsonian Institution**

Invited Peer Referee: *Nature Climate Change, Methods in Ecology and Evolution, Global Change Biology, Ecography, Global Ecology and Biogeography, Integrative and Comparative Biology, Ecosphere, Theoretical and Applied Climatology, Environmental Monitoring and Assessment, Forest Ecology and Management, Herpetology Notes* (~12 reviews per year)

NON-REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

Peters, J., Sjodin, A., Torres, R., McLachlan, J., Willson, A., **Klinges, D. H.**, Brown, C., Dalbotten, D., Bueno Watts, N., Kowalski, C. (2024) The EFI DEI Strategic Plan: What Have We Learned in 4 Years? Ecological Forecasting Initiative Blog Post. <https://ecoforecast.org/blog/#DEIJ>

Michonneau, J. F., Teal, T., Fournier, A., Seok, B., Obeng, A., Pawlik, A. N., Conrado, A. C., Woo, K., Lijnzaad, P., Hart, T., White, E. P., Marwick, B., Bolker, B., Jordan, K. L., Ashander, J., Dashnow H., Hertweck, K., Cuesta, S. M., Becker, E. A., Guillou, S., Shiklomanov, A., **Klinges, D. H.**, Odom, G. J. (2019) "datacarpentry/R-ecology-lesson: Data Carpentry: Data Analysis and Visualization in R for Ecologists, June 2019." <https://datacarpentry.org/R-ecology-lesson/>

SCIENCE COMMUNICATION AND MULTIMEDIA

Mongabay Environmental News, Washington, DC

2018 – 19 *Wildtech Journalism Intern, Freelancer-in-Residence*

- Reported on conservation tech to publicly communicate science; 9 published articles online: <https://goo.gl/KfHEK2>

RESET (Raising Excitement for Science, Engineering and Technology)

2018 – 19 *Volunteer Science Presenter*

- Educated hundreds of children with interactive exhibits on soil horizons, ecosystems, & adaptations.

Wildlands Studies, remote & Madre de Dios, Peru

2017 – 18 *Video Coordinator and Producer*

- Produced films on ecological field studies to be used in campus presentations (<https://goo.gl/ebsJXq>).

Amazon Conservation Association, Washington, DC

2018 *Communications and Social Media Intern*

- Managed photo archive, produced video content for social media posts, and annual report.

Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH

2015 *Digital Arts Lab Manager*

- Administered daily open hours; designed and taught workshops on film and photo editing.

INVITED SEMINARS

2024 Brown University

2024 University of Florida

SELECT RECENT PRESENTATIONS

Klinges, D. H., co-authors. Climate Variability And Change Across Scales Using A Novel Global Microclimate Database. *Species on the Move 2023* (oral)

Klinges, D. H., co-authors. Spatial and temporal resolution versus incorporating microclimate: how to improve climate data for ecological models. *Microclimate Ecology and Biogeography 2022* (oral)

Klinges, D. H., Scheffers, B. Are mountain passes higher in the tropics? Revisiting the climate variability hypothesis suggests microgeography more important than latitude. *Ecological Society of America 2021* (oral)

Klinges, D.H., Holmquist, J., Megonigal, P. Modeling and mapping wetlands carbon as a community resource. *Chesapeake Sentinel Site Cooperative Marsh Resilience Summit 2018*, Williamsburg VA (oral)

Klinges, D. H., Holmquist, J., Megonigal, P. A network for coastal carbon: soil data archival as a community resource and to reduce uncertainties in modeling and mapping. *ESIP 2018*, Washington DC (oral)

HIGHLIGHTED SCIENTIFIC SKILLS

Expertise	Example Software
<i>Version Control and Program Dev</i>	Git, GitHub, Bash, SLURM
<i>Data curation & visualization</i>	tidyverse (e.g. tidyr, dplyr), lubridate
<i>Spatiotemporal processing</i>	raster, terra, IDE, FRK, gstat, gDistance
<i>Statistics & Modeling</i>	RJAGS, MuMin, lme4, AICcmodavg
<i>Visualization & Web development</i>	ggplot2, RShiny

Other Software Programs: ArcGIS, Google Earth Engine, Bash, JAGS, Python, JavaScript, VBA, GitHub

Modeling: Bayesian Hierarchical Models, Spatial statistics, Structured decision making

Film: Canon DSLR cameras, Adobe Premiere Pro and Photoshop, Final Cut Pro, DJI Mavic Pro, ImageJ

Certifications: PADI scuba certified, FAA sUAS Remote Pilot License, Data Carpentries instructor

Wilderness: Navigation (compass and GPS), 4WD, manual transmission, CPR and First Aid certification

Languages: English (native), French (fluent)

Hobbies: Distance running, skiing, kayaking, scuba, backpacking