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## 1. RESEARCH

### PUBLICATIONS 2017-2021

*Including estimated % personal contribution and role in italics.*

1. Alewijnse, S.R., Stowasser, G., Saunders, R.A., Belcher, A., Crimmen, O.A., **Cooper, N.**, Trueman, C.N. Otolith-derived field metabolic rates of myctophids (family Myctophidae) from the Scotia Sea (Southern Ocean). Marine Ecology Progress Series. In review.

*25%. SRA's first PhD chapter. I helped with Bayesian analyses and writing drafts, and co-managed the project.*

2. V.Deepak et al. Multilocus phylogeny, natural-history traits, and classification of natricine (Serpentes: Natricinae) snakes. Zoological Journal of the Linnaean Society. In review.

*20%. Part of VD's Marie Skłodowska-Curie project. I advised on R analyses and visualisations, and helped run additional analyses required after the first round of reviews.*

3. V.Deepak, Maddock, S.T., Williams, R., Zoltan Nagy, Z., Conradie, W., Rocha, S. Harris, D.J., Perera, A., Gvoždík, V., Doherty-Bone, T.M., Menegon, M., Labisko, J., Morel, C., **Cooper, N.**, Day, J.J. & Gower, D.J. 2020. Molecular phylogenetics of sub-Saharan African natricine snakes, and the biogeographic origins of the Seychelles endemic *Lycognathophis seychellensis*. Molecular Phylogenetics and Evolution. In press.

*5%. Part of VD's Marie Skłodowska-Curie project. I advised on R analyses and visualisations.*

4. Mezzasalma, M., Guarino, F.M., Loader, S., Odierna, G., Streicher, J.W., & **Cooper, N.** 2020. First karyological analysis of the endemic Malagasy phantom gecko *Matoatoa brevipes* (Squamata: Gekkonidae). Acta Herpetologica. **15**, 137-141.

*10%. Part of MM's Marie Skłodowska-Curie project. I helped with the writing and framing of the paper and managed the project.*

5. Buckingham, E., Curry, J., Emogor, C., Tomsett L. & **Cooper, N.** 2021. Using natural history collections to investigate changes in pangolin (Pholidota: Manidae) geographic ranges through time. PeerJ. **9**, e10843 <http://doi.org/10.7717/peerj.10843>.

*50%. Based on EB and JC's MRes projects. I rewrote and ran all R analyses, wrote the relevant methods/results sections, and co-devised and managed the project.*

6. Bonsor, J.A., Barrett, P.M., Raven, T.J., & **Cooper, N.** Dinosaur evolutionary rates were not in decline prior to the K-Pg boundary. Royal Society Open Science. **7**, 201195. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1098/rsos.201195>.

*50%. Based on JAB's MSc project. I co-devised the project with PMB and performed all analyses, wrote the methods and results, and managed the project.*

7. Guillerme, T., **Cooper, N.**, Brusatte, S.L., Davis, K.E., Jackson, A.L., Gerber, S., Goswami, A., Healy, K., Hopkins, M.J., Jones, M.E.H., Lloyd, G.T., O'Reilly, J.E., Pate, A., Puttick, M.N., Rayfield, E., Saupe, E.E., Emma Sherratt, E. Slater, G.J., Vera Weisbecker, V., Thomas, G.H. & Donoghue, P.C.J. 2020. Disparities in the analysis of morphological disparity. Biology Letters. **20200199**. DOI: 10.1098/rsbl.2020.0199.

*50%. I am joint first author. I developed the ideas in the review and co-wrote it with TG. Most co-authors attended a workshop on which the paper is based which I also organised and coordinated with TG.*

8. Martins, M.C.I, Park, T., Racicot, R. & **Cooper, N.** 2020. Intraspecific variation in the cochleae of harbour porpoises (*Phocoena phocoena*). PeerJ. **8**, e8916 DOI: 10.7717/peerj.8916.

*50%. Based on MCIM's MRes project. I rewrote and ran all R analyses, wrote the relevant methods/results sections, and co-devised and managed the project.*

9. Jones, M.E.H, Pistevos, J.C.A, **Cooper, N.**, Lappin, A.K., Georges, A., Hutchinson, M.N., & Holleley, C.E. 2020. Reproductive phenotype predicts adult bite-force performance in sex-reversed dragons (*Pogona vitticeps*). Journal of Experimental Zoology. 333, 252-263. DOI: 10.1002/jez.2353.

*15%. I ran all R analyses and wrote the relevant methods/results sections.*

10. **Cooper, N.**, Bond, A.L., Davis, J.L., Portela Miguez, R., Tomsett, L., & Helgen K.M. Sex biases in natural history collections of birds and mammals. 2019. Proceedings of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences. **286**, 20192025. DOI: 10.1098/ rspb.2019.2025.

*80%. I conceived the idea with KMH, ran all analyses, and wrote the paper.*

11. Park, T., Menecart, B., Costeur, L., Grohe, C. & **Cooper, N.** 2019. Convergent evolution in toothed whale cochleae. BMC Evolutionary Biology. **19**, 195. DOI: 10.1186/s12862-019-1525-x.

*25%. Part of TP's Marie Skłodowska-Curie project. I assisted with the analyses, helped draft the paper, and co-devised and managed the project.*

12. Trueman, C.N., Jackson, A.L., Chadwick, K.E., Feyrer, L.J., Magozzi, S., Coombs, E.J., Sabin, R.C., & **Cooper, N.** 2019. Reconstructing the last known movements of one of Nature's giants. PeerJ. **7**, e7912. DOI: 10.7717/peerj.7912.

*50%. I co-devised and coordinated the project, made the figures, helped draft the paper, and obtained funding for analytical work.*

13. Coombs, E.J., Deaville, R., Sabin, R.C., Allan, L., O'Connell, M., Berrow, S., Smith, B., Brownlow, A., Ten Doeschate, M., Penrose, R., Williams, R., Perkins, M.W., Jepson, P.D., & **Cooper, N.** 2019. What can cetacean stranding records tell us? A study of UK and Irish cetacean diversity over the past 100 years. Marine Mammal Science. **35**, 1527-1555. DOI: 10.1111/mms.12610.

*50%. EJC's first PhD chapter. I conceived the idea, helped with analyses and writing drafts, and managed the project.*

14. Verde Arregoitia, L.D., **Cooper, N.**, & D'Elia, G. 2018. Good practices for sharing analysis-ready data in mammalogy and biodiversity research. Hystrix, the Italian Journal of Mammalogy. **29**, 155-161. DOI: 10.4404/hystrix-00133-2018.

*10%. LDVA is one of my mentees. I helped with framing the paper and making clearer figures.*

15. Guillerme, T. & **Cooper, N.** 2018. Time for a rethink: time sub-sampling methods in disparity-through-time analyses. Palaeontology. **61**, 481-493. DOI: 10.1111/pala.12364.

*75%. I conceived the idea with TG, ran all empirical analyses and wrote the paper.*

16. Page, C.E. & **Cooper, N.** 2017. Morphological convergence in 'river dolphin' skulls. PeerJ. **5**, e4090. DOI: peerj.com/articles/4090.

*50%. CEP's MSci project. I conceived the idea, helped with analyses and writing drafts, and managed the project.*

## PUBLICATIONS BEFORE 2017

1. **Cooper, N.**, Thomas, G.H., & FitzJohn, R.G. 2016. Shedding light on the "Dark Side" of phylogenetic comparative methods. Methods in Ecology and Evolution. **7**, 693699. doi: 10.1111/2041-210X.12533.

2. Guillaume, T. & **Cooper, N.** 2016. Assessment of available anatomical characters for linking living mammals to fossil taxa in phylogenetic analyses. *Biology Letters*. **12**, 20151003. doi: 10.1098/rsbl.2015.1003.
3. Guillaume, T. & **Cooper, N.** 2016. Effects of missing data on topological inference using a Total Evidence approach. *Molecular Phylogenetics and Evolution*. **94**, 146158. doi: 10.1016/j.ympev.2015.08.023.
4. **Cooper, N.**, Thomas, G.H., Venditti, C., Meade, A. & Freckleton, R.P. 2016. A cautionary note on the use of Ornstein Uhlenbeck models in macroevolutionary studies. *Biological Journal of the Linnean Society*. **118**, 64-77. doi: 10.1111/bij.12701.
5. Healy, K., Guillaume, T., Finlay, S., Kane, A., Kelly, S.B.A., McClean, D., Kelly, D.J., Donohue, I., Jackson, A.L., & **Cooper, N.** 2014. Ecology and mode-of-life explain lifespan variation in birds and mammals. *Proceedings of the Royal Society of London Series B: Biological Sciences*. **281**, 20140298. doi: 10.1098/rspb.2014.0298.
6. Kelly, S.B.A, Kelly, D.J., **Cooper, N.**, Bahrn, A., Analuddin, K. & Marples, N. 2014. Molecular and phenotypic data reveal a cryptic species (Aves: Dicaeum) from the unique and understudied Sulawesi region. *PLoS ONE*. **9**, e98694. doi: 10.1371/journal.pone.0098694.
7. **Cooper, N.**, & Nunn, C.L. 2013. Identifying future zoonotic disease threats: Where are the gaps in our understanding of primate infectious diseases? *Evolution, Medicine and Public Health*. **2013**, 26-37. doi: 10.1093/emph/eot001.
8. Kamilar, J.M. & **Cooper, N.** 2013. Phylogenetic signal in primate behaviour, ecology, and life history. *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society of London Series B: Biological Sciences*. **368**, 20120341. doi: 10.1098/rstb.2012.0341.
9. Healy, K., McNally, L., Ruxton, G.D., **Cooper, N.**, & Jackson, A.L. 2013. Metabolic rate and body size are linked with perception of temporal information. *Animal Behaviour*. **86**, 685-696. doi: 10.1016/j.anbehav.2013.06.018. *F1000 recommended*.
10. **Cooper, N.**, Griffin, R., Franz, M., Omotayo, M., & Nunn, C.L. 2012. Phylogenetic host specificity and understanding parasite sharing in primates. *Ecology Letters*. **15**, 1370-1377. doi: 10.1111/j.1461-0248.2012.01858.x. *F1000 recommended*.
11. **Cooper, N.**, Kamilar, J.M., & Nunn, C.L. 2012. Host longevity and parasite species richness in mammals. *PLoS ONE*. **7**, e42190. doi: 10.1371/journal.pone.0042190.
12. Davies, T.J., **Cooper, N.**, Diniz Filho, J.A.F, Thomas, G.H. & Meiri, S. 2012. Using phylogenetic trees to test for character displacement: a model and an empirical example from a desert mammal community. *Ecology*. **93**, S44-S51. doi: 10.1890/11-0400.1.

13. **Cooper, N.**, Freckleton, R.P. & Jetz, W. 2011. Phylogenetic conservatism of environmental niches in mammals. *Proceedings of the Royal Society of London Series B: Biological Sciences*. 278, 2384-2391. doi: 10.1098/rspb.2010.2207.
14. Freckleton, R.P., **Cooper, N.** & Jetz, W. 2011. Comparative methods as a statistical fix: the dangers of ignoring an evolutionary model. *The American Naturalist*. 178, E10-E17. doi: 10.1086/660272.
15. Collen, B., McRae, L., Deinet, S., De Palma, A., Carranza, T., **Cooper, N.**, Loh, J. & Baillie, J.E.M. 2011. Predicting how populations decline to extinction. *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society of London Series B: Biological Sciences*. 366, 2577-2586. doi: 10.1098/rstb.2011.0015.
16. **Cooper, N.**, Jetz, W. & Freckleton, R.P. 2010. Phylogenetic comparative approaches for studying niche conservatism. *Journal of Evolutionary Biology*. 23, 2529-2539. doi: 10.1111/j.1420-9101.2010.02144.x.
17. **Cooper, N.** & Purvis, A. 2010. Body size evolution in mammals: complexity in tempo and mode. *The American Naturalist*. 175, 727-738. doi: 10.1111/j.1420-9101.2009.01714.x.
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20. Bielby, J., Cardillo, M., **Cooper, N.** & Purvis, A. 2009. Modeling extinction risk in multispecies data sets: phylogenetically independent contrasts versus decision trees. *Biodiversity and Conservation*. 19, 113-127. doi: 10.1007/s10531-009-9709.0.
21. **Cooper, N.**, Rodriguez, J. & Purvis, A. 2008. A common tendency for phylogenetic overdispersion in mammalian assemblages. *Proceedings of the Royal Society of London Series B: Biological Sciences*. 275, 2031-2037. doi: 10.1098/rspb.2008.0420.
22. **Cooper, N.**, Bielby, J., Thomas, G.H. & Purvis, A. 2008. Macroecology and extinction risk correlates of frogs. *Global Ecology and Biogeography*. 17, 211-221. doi: 10.1111/j.1466-8238.2007.00355.x.
23. Meiri, S., **Cooper, N.** & Purvis, A. 2008. The island rule: made to be broken? *Proceedings of the Royal Society of London Series B: Biological Sciences*. 275, 141-148. doi: 10.1098/rspb.2007.1056.
24. Bielby, J., **Cooper, N.**, Cunningham, A., Garner, T. & Purvis, A. 2008. Predicting susceptibility to future declines in the world's frogs. *Conservation Letters*. 1, 82-90. doi: 10.1111/j.1755-263X.2008.00015.x.

## 2. GRANTS

*Below are all grants I have applied for since 2015. Total income £3,382,547; value to NHM £1,565,368; where I am PI/major Co-I £976,849.*

| UNDER 30K      |  |   |             |                                 |      |  |            |
|----------------|--|---|-------------|---------------------------------|------|--|------------|
| Dates          | Awarding body and type of grant                      | Project title   | Total value | Value to NHM                    | Role | Collaborators  | Funded?    |
| 2018           | Royal Society International Scientific Seminar Grant | Reconciling disparate perspectives on the evolution of disparity  | £5000       | £0                              | Co-I | Thomas Guillerme (University of Queensland)<br>Phil Donoghue (University of Bristol) | YES        |
| 2015 - 2016    | British Ecological Society. Small Research Grant     | A Whale of a Time: how have changing human pressures through time affected the ecology of rorqual whales? | £5000       | £5000 (no staff costs included) | PI   | Clive Trueman (University of Southampton)<br>Andrew Jackson (Trinity College Dublin) | YES        |
| 30K TO 100K    |  |   |             |                                 |      |  |            |
| 2017 - 2018    | BBSRC STARS Training Course Grant                    | Advancing computational and data literacy skills schools for Life Scientists                              | £42,738     | £25,292                         | PI   | Karthik Ram (University of Berkeley)   | YES        |
| MORE THAN 100K |  |   |             |                                 |      |  |            |
| 2021 - 2023    | Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowship to IB   | EARtH: Exploring the Australian Reptile Hypervolume: Assembly and evolution of a continental fauna        | €224,934    | NA                              | Host | Ian Brennan  | YES        |
| 2021 - 2023    | Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowship to LDA  | CONVERS: Convergent evolution in rodents and other small mammals.   | €212,934    | NA                              | Host | Luis Darcy Verde Arregoitia  | NO         |
| 2020 -         | NERC Standard Grant                                  | Unshifting the baseline: inferring global patterns of pre-  | £572,278    | NA                              | PI   | Jeffrey Streicher<br>Andy Purvis   | NO (scored |

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| 2023              |  | Anthropocene vertebrate diversity v2.   |          |   |      |  | 8/10)            |
| 2020<br>-<br>2023 | Leverhulme Research Project Grant pre-proposal     | Constraining past biodiversity patterns through simulations in time and space.                                    | £259,499 | NA                                      | Co-I | Phil Mannion (UCL)<br>Erin Saupe (University of Oxford)  | NO               |
| 2020<br>-<br>2023 | Leverhulme Research Project Grant                  | Back to the water: macroevolutionary dynamics of secondarily aquatic tetrapods.                                   | £337,468 | £337,468 (no core staff costs included) | PI   | Graham Slater (University of Chicago)<br>Erich Fitzgerald (Museums Victoria)<br>Travis Park (named PDRA)   | <b>YES</b>       |
| 2019<br>-<br>2022 | NERC Standard Grant                                | MacroCovar: The macroevolutionary consequences of trait correlations v2.  | £586,643 | £146,000                                | Co-I | Gavin Thomas (PI) (University of Sheffield)<br>Andrew Beckerman (University of Sheffield)  | <b>YES</b>       |
| 2019<br>-<br>2022 | NERC Standard Grant                                | Unshifting the baseline: inferring global patterns of pre-Anthropocene vertebrate diversity.                      | £572,278 | NA                                      | PI   | Jeffrey Streicher<br>Andy Purvis   | NO (scored 8/10) |
| 2019<br>-<br>2022 | NERC Standard Grant                                | Assessing sponge reproductive biology in warming oceans: molecular toolkits for sex determination and adaptation. | £739,662 | NA                                      | Co-I | Ana Riesgo Gil (PI)<br>Jordi Paps (University of Bristol)<br>Jordi Solana (Oxford Brookes University)<br>Alison Wright (University of Sheffield) | NO (scored 7/10) |
| 2019<br>-<br>2021 | Royal Commission of 1851 Research Fellowship to TP | ECHO part 2: Evolution of the Cochlea and Hearing in Odontocetes  | £129,000 | NA                                      | Host | Travis Park  | NO               |
| 2019<br>-<br>2021 | Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowship to JC | FISHDIV: Testing major controls on the evolution of morphological diversity in fish.                              | €163,454 | NA                                      | Host | John Clarke  | NO               |

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| 2018<br>-<br>2021 | NERC<br>Standard Grant                                    | MacroCovar: The macroevolutionary consequences of trait correlations.  | £586,643 | NA   | Co-I                | Gavin Thomas (PI)<br>(University of Sheffield)<br>Andrew Beckerman<br>(University of Sheffield) | NO<br>(scored<br>6/10) |
| 2018<br>-<br>2021 | H2020-<br>WIDESPREAD<br>grant                             | iBioGen: Twinning for European excellence in Island Biodiversity Genomics  | €999,320 | €226,987   | Parti<br>cipa<br>nt | Alfried Vogler (PI)<br>+ many others  | <b>YES</b>             |
| 2018<br>-<br>2020 | Marie Skłodowska<br>-Curie Individual<br>Fellowship to MM | CHROMREP: An integrative approach linking chromosomal evolution and biodiversity in reptiles from Madagascar                         | €183,454 | €183,454   | Host                | Marcello Mezzasalma<br>Jeffrey Streicher<br>Simon Loader  | <b>YES</b>             |
| 2018<br>-<br>2020 | Royal Commission<br>of 1851 Research<br>Fellowship to JC  | Testing major controls on the evolution of morphological diversity   | £127,000 | NA   | Host                | John Clarke   | NO                     |
| 2017<br>-<br>2019 | Marie Skłodowska<br>-Curie Individual<br>Fellowship to TP | ECHO: Evolution of the Cochlea and Hearing in Odontocetes  | €195,454 | €195,454   | Host                | Travis Park   | <b>YES</b>             |
| 2017<br>-<br>2019 | Marie Skłodowska<br>-Curie Individual<br>Fellowship to VD | NATRICINE: Phenotypic and lineage diversification of natricine snakes  | €183,000 | €183,000   | Co-<br>host         | Deepak Veerappan<br>David Gower (Main host)   | <b>YES</b>             |
| 2017<br>-<br>2020 | NERC<br>Standard Grant                                    | Reef refugia out of the shadows: dynamics of marginal coral reef ecosystems over the past 30 million years in the Coral Triangle v2. | £614,919 | £8,052<br>(value of<br>my time<br>as a Co-I)     | Co-I                | Ken Johnson (PI)<br>Nadia Santadomingo<br>(named PDRA)  | <b>YES</b>             |
| 2016<br>-<br>2020 | Leverhulme<br>Research Project<br>Grant                   | Molecules meet fossils - an integrated approach to studying marine palaeodiversity.  | £350,090 | £350,090<br>(no core<br>staff costs<br>included) | Co-I                | Andrea Waeschenbach (PI)<br>Paul Taylor<br>Lee Hsiang Liow<br>(University of Oslo)              | <b>YES</b>             |
| 2016              | NERC  | Reef refugia out of the  | £614,919 | NA   | Co-I                | Dr Ken Johnson (PI).  | NO                     |



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| -<br>2019         | Standard Grant                                     | shadows: dynamics of marginal coral reef ecosystems over the past 30 million years in the Coral Triangle. |            |    |      | Dr Nadia Santadomingo (named PDRA) |    |
| 2016<br>-<br>2018 | Royal Commission of 1851 Research Fellowship to TP | Ears and Echoes: Cochlear evolution in toothed whales.  | £129,000   | NA | Host | Travis Park                        | NO |
| 2016<br>- 2021    | ERC Starting Grant                                 | Convergent evolution across species, space, traits and time.  | €1,499,787 | NA | PI   | NA                                 | NO |
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### 3. TALKS TO SCIENTIFIC AUDIENCES

#### INVITED TALKS AT CONFERENCES

##### 2020

WISE: Women in Science Ecology meeting. Online.

*My experiences as a woman in ecology.*

##### 2019

American Ornithological Society annual meeting, Anchorage, Alaska, USA.

*Sex biases in natural history collections of birds.*

##### 2018

Chilean Society for Evolution annual meeting, Puerto Varas, Chile.

*Convergent evolution and echolocation.*

##### 2017

Palaeontological Association annual meeting, London, UK.

*Time for a rethink - time slicing approaches to disparity-through-time.*

##### 2015

Methods in Ecology & Evolution 5th anniversary symposium, London, UK.

*The limitations of PCMs.*

##### 2014

Linnaean Society Radiations & Extinctions meeting, London, UK.

*Reproducibility in macroevolution.*

#### INVITED SEMINARS

**2019** University of York, UK.

University of Nottingham, UK.

**2018** University of Durham, UK.

**2017** University of Bangor, Wales, UK.

**2016** Tel Aviv University and Israeli National Natural History Museum, Israel.

Edward Grey Institute for Ornithology, University of Oxford, UK.

CMEC (Centre for Macroecology Evolution & Climate), University of Copenhagen, Denmark.

**2015** University of Lausanne, Switzerland.

Dublin City University, Dublin, Ireland.

**2014** Swansea University, Wales, UK.

University of Exeter, UK.

Queens University, Belfast, UK.

University College Dublin, Ireland.

**2013** University of Southampton, UK.

University of Sheffield, UK.

University of Liverpool, UK.

University of Chicago, IL, USA.

Trinity College Dublin, Ireland.  
University of Southampton, UK.  
**2011** Harvard University, MA, USA.

## INVITED KEYNOTES AT EARLY CAREER EVENTS

**2018**

School of Natural Sciences Postgraduate Symposium plenary speaker.  
*Trinity College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland.*

**2015**

LERN: London Evolutionary Research Network, UK.  
BLAM: Biology at Lund Annual Postgraduate Symposium plenary speaker.  
*Lund University, Lund, Sweden.*

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND POSTERS

- 2018** BES Annual Meeting, Birmingham, UK. *TALK.*  
*Sex biases in natural history collections*
- 2017** Joint BES and SfE Annual Meeting, Ghent, Belgium. *POSTER.*  
*Reconstructing the last known movements of one of Nature's giants*
- 2016** Evolution, Austin, TX, USA. *POSTER.*  
*Skeletons in the closet: using NHM collections for evolutionary research*
- 2014** Evolution, Raleigh, NC, USA. *SYMPOSIUM TALK.*  
*The "Dark Side" of phylogenetic comparative methods*
- 2013** ESEB, Lisbon, Portugal. *POSTER.*  
*Ecological correlates of extrinsic mortality in mammals and birds*  
Evolution, Snowbird, UT, USA. *TALK.*  
*Ecological correlates of extrinsic mortality in mammals and birds*
- 2012** Evolution, Ottawa, Canada. *TALK.*  
*Host phylospecificity and parasite sharing in primates and humans*
- 2011** EEID, Santa Barbara, CA, USA. *POSTER.*  
*Methods for detecting phylogenetic host specificity in parasites*
- 2010** Evolution, Portland, OR, USA. *TALK.*  
*Phylogenetic niche conservatism in mammals*
- 2008** Evolution, Minneapolis, MN, USA. *TALK.*  
*A common pattern of overdispersion in mammalian assemblages*

## 4. EDUCATION

### STUDENT SUPERVISION

Below I have listed all students I have supervised since starting at the Museum in 2015.

#### PhD students

For each student I have listed their start and (expected) end dates, project titles, the DTP funding the project, the university involved, and their main supervisor where this was not me. Note that I co-supervise all of my current PhD students, but I am heavily involved in discussing their progress, editing drafts, training them in R, and providing pastoral care where their main supervisors are unavailable.

| Name             | Dates                          | Project title   | DTP      | University             | Main supervisor     |
|------------------|--------------------------------|---|----------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Louie Rombaut    | 2019<br>-<br>2023              | Trait correlations: linking micro- and macro- evolutionary patterns | ACCE     | Sheffield              | Dr Gavin Thomas     |
| Tom Trapman      | 2018<br>-<br>2022              | Disparity and complexity in arthropods                              | GW4+     | Bath                   | Prof Matthew Wills* |
| Sarah Alewijnse  | 2017<br>-<br>2022 <sup>†</sup> | Field metabolic rate in fishes using otoliths                       | SPITFIRE | Southampton            | Dr Clive Trueman    |
| Ellen Coombs     | 2016<br>-<br>2020              | Cetacean responses to climate change: past, present and future      | London   | UCL                    | Prof Anjali Goswami |
| Thomas Guillerme | 2012<br>-<br>2015              | Macroevolution with fossils and living species.                     | NA       | Trinity College Dublin | NA                  |

*\*Tom Trapman is technically primarily supervised by Matthew Wills at Bath, but due to some issues there he is now permanently based in my group at NHM.*

*<sup>†</sup>For medical and personal reasons Sarah has taken a couple of suspensions of studies but is on target to complete in 2022.*

**Masters students**

For each student I have listed the year they handed in their project, project titles, the course they were on, the length of the project, the university involved, and co-supervisors. I was primary supervisor for the majority of these students; where I was not the main supervisor's name is in bold.

| Name                     | Year | Project title   | Course                                      | Project length | Host | Co-supervisor          |
|--------------------------|------|---|---|----------------|------|------------------------|
| Tara Wainwright          | 2021 | Sex biases in herpetology collections worldwide                                   | MSc Evolution, Taxonomy & Biodiversity      | 4.5 months     | ICL  | -                      |
| Noah Hearne              | 2021 | Geographical biases in NHM collections; investigating the imprint of colonialism. | MSc Evolution, Taxonomy & Biodiversity      | 4.5 months     | ICL  | -                      |
| Christian Ching          | 2021 | Exploring cryptic diversity in colugos  | MSci Zoology                                | 9 months       | RVC  | Roberto Portela Miguez |
| Lucy Ball                | 2021 | Limb proportions and locomotion in miniature frogs                                | MSci Biological Sciences                    | 9 months       | UCL  | -                      |
| Morwenna Trevenna        | 2020 | Sex biases in herpetology museum collections.                                     | MSc Evolution, Taxonomy & Biodiversity      | 4.5 months     | ICL  | -                      |
| Justin Isip*             | 2020 | A comparative study of bite force in reptiles                                     | MSc Evolution, Taxonomy & Biodiversity      | 4.5 months     | ICL  | Marc Jones (UCL)       |
| Hermione Blomfield-Smith | 2020 | Methods for investigating extinction risk in chameleons.                          | MSc Evolution, Taxonomy & Biodiversity      | 4.5 months     | ICL  | Marcello Mezzasalma    |
| Rebecca Bentley          | 2020 | Diversity of catfishes.   | MRes Biosystematics                         | 3.5 months     | ICL  | -                      |
| Shizhe Ma                | 2020 | Correlates of extinction risk in chameleons.                                      | MRes Biosystematics                         | 3.5 months     | ICL  | -                      |
| Mengdi Li*               | 2020 | Amphibian type specimen localities and IUCN ranges.                               | MSci Biological Sciences                    | 9 months       | UCL  | Jeff Streicher         |
| Maria Iruzun Martins*    | 2019 | Intraspecific variation in harbour porpoise cochleae.                             | MRes Biodiversity, Evolution & Conservation | 5 months       | UCL  | <b>Travis Park</b>     |
| Jake Curry*              | 2019 | Computational approaches for studying   | MRes Computational                          | 9              | ICL  | Jeff Streicher         |

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|-------------------|------|---|---|------------|-----|------------------------|
|                   |      | species distributions through time.   | Methods in Ecology & Evolution              | months     |     |                        |
| Emily Buckingham* | 2019 | Protecting pangolins using museum specimen locality data.                       | MRes Biosystematics                         | 3.5 months | ICL | Louise Tomsett         |
| Steven Allain*    | 2018 | Changes in Asian amphibian distributions through time.                          | MRes Ecology, Evolution & Conservation      | 5 months   | ICL | Jeff Streicher         |
| Tom Weeks*        | 2018 | Mismatches in East African amphibian type localities and current distributions. | MSci Biological Sciences                    | 9 months   | UCL | Jeff Streicher         |
| Naomi Berkowitz*  | 2018 | South American amphibian type distributions and IUCN Red List maps.             | MRes Biodiversity, Evolution & Conservation | 5 months   | UCL | Jeff Streicher         |
| Alice Pawlik*     | 2018 | Salamander type specimen localities and current distributions.                  | MRes Ecology, Evolution & Conservation      | 5 months   | ICL | <b>Jeff Streicher</b>  |
| Joseph Bonsor*    | 2017 | Were dinosaurs in decline before K-Pg?  | MSc Evolution, Taxonomy & Biodiversity      | 4.5 months | ICL | Paul Barrett           |
| Wui Shen Ng*      | 2017 | Convergence in afrotherian and laurasiatherian “insectivores”.                  | MSc Evolution, Taxonomy & Biodiversity      | 4.5 months | ICL | Louise Tomsett         |
| Olivia Morris     | 2017 | Biogeographic origins of Galapagos reptiles.                                    | MSc Ecology, Evolution & Conservation       | 4.5 months | ICL | -                      |
| Danielle Moraviec | 2017 | Geometric morphometrics of ornithischian dinosaurs.                             | MSc Ecology, Evolution & Conservation       | 4.5 months | ICL | Paul Barrett           |
| Charlotte Page*   | 2017 | Convergence in “river dolphins”.  | MSci Biological Sciences                    | 9 months   | UCL | Richard Sabin          |
| Jack Davies*      | 2017 | Amphibian type distributions and IUCN Red List maps.                            | MRes Biodiversity, Evolution & Conservation | 4.5 months | UCL | <b>Jeff Streicher</b>  |
| Andrea Sartorius* | 2017 | Marsupial type distributions and IUCN Red List maps.                            | MRes Biodiversity, Evolution & Conservation | 4.5 months | UCL | Roberto Portela Miguez |
| Dan Bell          | 2016 | Predicting cetacean length from skull measurements                              | MRes Ecology, Evolution & Conservation      | 5 months   | ICL | Richard Sabin          |
| Guillermo         | 2016 | Biogeographic origins of Galapagos mammals                                      | MRes Ecology, Evolution                     | 5          | ICL | -                      |

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| Gilbert |  | and birds. | & Conservation | months |  |  |
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*\*Work done by these students has contributed to publications on which the students are authors. See publications list, plus three in prep; one on convergence in insectivores, one on georeferencing amphibian type collections, one on bite force in lepidosaurs.*

## MASTERS COURSE TEACHING

I teach on both taught Masters courses at NHM, and many Masters students also attend my annual R course. In 2020-21 these courses will be run remotely so timings will differ.

| Masters course                              | Years                | Topic  | Classes                     | Total annual hours |
|---|----------------------|--|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| MRes Biodiversity, Evolution & Conservation | 2016<br>-<br>present | Using phylogenies to ask evolutionary questions. | 1 x 3 hours plus assessment | 3 hours            |
| MSc Evolution, Taxonomy & Biodiversity      | 2016<br>-<br>present | Methods in macroecology and macroevolution       | 7 x 3 hours plus assessment | 21 hours           |

## POST-DOC TRAINING

I have hosted or co-hosted three Marie Skłodowska-Curie postdocs during the last five years, and co-supervise a postdoc on a NERC grant who is based in Sheffield, plus two postdocs on a Leverhulme grant. Details are in the table below, with the main host/supervisor in bold where this was not me. I continue to work with the two postdocs who have finished their grants. I also informally train many postdocs during my annual R course and my *Methods in macroecology and macroevolution* course.

| Name                               | Dates                 | Project title  | Funding    | Location                | Supervisor/host                                 |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|--|------------|-------------------------|---|
| Dr Travis Park<br>Dr Gustavo Burin | Aug 2020<br>-<br>2023 | Back to the water: macroevolutionary dynamics of secondarily aquatic tetrapods                               | Leverhulme | NHM                     | Dr Erich Fitzgerald<br>Dr Graham Slater         |
| Dr Thomas Guillerme                | 2020<br>-<br>2023     | MacroCovar: Trait correlations: linking micro- and macro-evolutionary patterns                               | NERC       | University of Sheffield | <b>Dr Gavin Thomas</b><br>Prof Andrew Beckerman |
| Dr Marcello Mezzasalma             | 2018<br>-<br>2020     | CHROMREP: An integrative approach linking chromosomal evolution and biodiversity in reptiles from Madagascar | MSCA       | NHM                     | Dr Simon Loader<br>Dr Jeff Streicher            |
| Dr Deepak Veerappan                | 2017<br>-<br>2019     | NATRICINE: Phenotypic and lineage diversification of natricine snakes  | MSCA       | NHM                     | <b>Dr David Gower</b>                           |
| Dr Travis Park                     | 2017<br>-             | ECHO: Evolution of Cochlea & Hearing   | MSCA       | NHM                     | -   |



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|  | 2019 | in Odontocetes |  |  |  |
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## OTHER TERTIARY LEVEL TEACHING

The following courses were open to PhD students, postdocs and in the case of the R training, Museum staff (from 2018). Over 200 Museum staff and students have taken my introductory R course. I also offer informal mentoring and advice to at least four or five students/postdocs a year looking for advice on CVs, jobs and grant writing.

| Course  | Years                | Total hours   |
|---|----------------------|---|
| Intro to R, basic statistics and reproducible research tools (Git, GitHub, RMarkdown etc.). | 2016<br>-<br>present | 3 days annually<br>(6 hours each day).<br>Sole teacher.<br>~ 60 students a year |
| BBSRC STARS “Advancing computational and data literacy skills schools for Life Scientists”  | 2017<br>&<br>2018    | Two 5 day courses<br>(8 hours each day).<br>Two co-teachers.                    |
| BES and Methods in Ecology and Evolution “Best Practice for Code Archiving” workshop        | 2016                 | 1 day (8 hours).<br>4 co-teachers.  |

## 5. OUTREACH

### NHM OUTREACH

I have been extensively involved with outreach over the last five years, and have a good relationship with many members of the Public Engagement team. I get excellent public feedback from my events. In addition to the NHM events I have taken part in, I also helped comedian Helen Arney develop content for the Emerge festival, gave PEG staff tours of osteology to help with plans for future NHM Live and Curious Science events, consulted with the Fantastic Beasts and Whales exhibition teams, and have contributed to discussions about the Gallery Enhancement Project refurbishment of the Mammal Hall.

| Year | NHM event  | Type of NHM event                          |
|------|--|--|
| 2021 | WPY (Wildlife Photographer of the Year) judge                              | WPY 57                                     |
|      | Period drama: Do animals have periods?                                     | Nature Live online                         |
|      | The ins and outs of vaginas  | Nature Live online                         |
|      | Arctic camels  | Surprising Science video                   |
| 2020 | Screaming goats  | Surprising Science video                   |
|      | Spooky animal screams  | Surprising Science video                   |
|      | Living in groups   | Lates online panel discussion              |
|      | Unlikely animal friends  | Surprising Science video                   |
|      | Hope and the wonderful world of whales                                     | Nature Live online                         |
|      | Conception and deception: the weird world of animal sex                    | Valentine's Day Event                      |
|      | Storytelling   | Women in Science Lates                     |
| 2019 | Drones in conservation and TV  | Nature Live. BBC 7 Worlds One Planet Lates |
|      | Asia Science Stand   | BBC 7 Worlds One Planet Lates              |
|      | Ask the Scientist.   | Tour and Evolve magazine article           |
|      | Vertebrates Science Stand  | European Researchers' Night                |
|      | Hyaenas  | Surprising Science video                   |
| 2018 | Everything you ever wanted to know about mammal and bird penises and more! | Dinosnores for Grownups                    |
|      | Vertebrates Science Stand  | European Researchers' Night                |
|      | Green Seas Science Stand   | Blue Planet II Lates                       |
|      | NHM Research Highlights for Hong Kong student prize winners.               | Nature Live                                |
| 2017 | Everything you ever wanted to know about mammal and bird penises and more! | Dinosnores for Grownups                    |
|      | Hope the blue whale  | Nature Live                                |
|      | Marine Vertebrates Science Stand   | Science Uncovered                          |
|      | Hope the blue whale  | Nature Live. Science Uncovered             |

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|      | EU pub   | Science Uncovered   |
|      | Whale hall tours.  | Members' Summer Party                                     |
|      | Wonderful world of whales!   | Dinosnores for Kids                                       |
|      | Giraffes   | Audio recording for new giraffe WonderBay in Hintze Hall. |
|      | Survival in the Snow   | Dinosnores for Kids.                                      |
| 2016 | Survival in the Snow   | Dinosnores for Kids.                                      |
|      | EU pub   | Science Uncovered   |
|      | Leading Ladies tour  | Pride Lates   |
|      | Everything you ever wanted to know about mammal and bird penises and more! | Dinosnores for Grownups                                   |
| 2015 | Science Cafe   | Science Uncovered   |

## OUTREACH BEYOND NHM

I have actively engaged with Media, Digital and Website teams to promote my research and activities. My recent (2019) paper on sex biases in museum collections received extensive press coverage including in the Guardian, Daily Mail, Economist (magazine and podcast), CNN online, Russia 24 (TV interview), NewsTalk Ireland (radio interview), BBC Three Counties Drive Time show (radio interview), multiple blogs and websites from countries including France, Ireland, Sweden, and China.

I am also an active Twitter user (@nhcooper123) with over 3,700 followers.

## PUBLIC TALKS

| Year | External outreach event  | Location                     |
|------|--|------------------------------|
| 2019 | Royal Society of Biology, West Midlands branch Charter Lecture | Aston University, Birmingham |
| 2018 | New Scientist Live! Hope the blue whale                        | ExCel centre, London         |

## 8. LEARNED SOCIETIES, GOVERNMENT, FUNDING BODIES, EXTERNAL AGENCIES ETC.

### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

My main external roles are as follows.

1. I am an Editor at the journal *Methods in Ecology and Evolution*. I handle between 10 and 30 papers a year, and I also contribute to developing journal policies and promoting the journal at external events. Additionally, I was the Deputy Chair of the British Ecological Society (BES) Publications committee, which manages journal policies and improvements on the six journals of the BES (*Journal of Animal Ecology*, *Journal of Applied Ecology*, *Journal of Ecology*, *Functional Ecology*, *Methods in Ecology and Evolution*, and *People and Nature*) until 2021.
2. I am Chair of the BES Macroecology special interest group (SIG). Before becoming Chair I was Deputy Chair for three years. In this role I coordinate events, including an annual meeting attended by over 100 people, workshops, social events at the main BES conference, and early career researcher training. I am responsible for budgets, reporting, planning and communication. The SIG has several thousand members, and over 4,700 followers on Twitter.

| Date           | Role   |
|----------------|--|
| 2021           | PhD External Examiner, Yichen He, University of Sheffield.   |
| 2020           | PhD External Examiner, Lewis Jones, Imperial College London.   |
| 2019 - 2021    | Deputy Chair of BES Publications Committee.  |
| 2017 - present | Chair of BES Macroecology Special Interest Group committee.  |
| 2015 - present | Associate Editor at <i>Methods in Ecology &amp; Evolution</i> .  |
| 2012 - present | Member of BES including Macroecology SIG.  |
| 2016           | Member of <i>Methods in Ecology &amp; Evolution</i> code archiving strategy group.                           |
| 2015 - 2019    | Ordinary Member of BES Publications Committee.   |
| 2015 - 2017    | Deputy Chair of BES Macroecology Special Interest Group committee.   |
| 2015           | PhD External Examiner, Kevin Arbuckle, University of Liverpool.  |
|                | <b>Conference organisation</b>   |
| 2021           | Organiser of BES Macroecology SIG annual meeting, ONLINE (Zoom). Three day event.                            |
| 2020           | Organiser of BES Macroecology SIG ECR Twitter event, ONLINE (Twitter). One day event.                        |
| 2017           | Organiser of BES Macroecology SIG annual meeting, NHM, London. Three day event.                              |
| 2017           | Organiser of BES Macroecology SIG Early Career Mentoring event, Charles Darwin House, London. One day event. |
| 2016           | Organiser of BES Macroecology SIG annual meeting, University of Oxford. Two day event.                       |

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| 2016 | Organiser of London Vertebrate Researchers Meeting, UCL, London. One day event. |
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## REVIEWING

I review standard grants for NERC, CSERC (Canada), and FONDECYT (Chile). I also review Systematics Association small grants.

I have reviewed papers for The American Naturalist, Animal Conservation, Biological Reviews, BMC Evolutionary Biology, Conservation Biology, Current Biology, Ecography, Ecology, Ecology and Evolution, Ecology Letters, Evolution, Global Ecology & Biogeography, International Journal of Primatology, Journal of Animal Ecology, Journal of Applied Ecology, Journal of Biogeography, Journal of Evolutionary Biology, Methods in Ecology & Evolution, Nature Communications, Nature Ecology & Evolution, Oecologia, PeerJ, Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society: B, PLoS One, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences USA, Proceedings of the Royal Society: B, Proceedings of the Royal Society: Interface, Trends in Ecology & Evolution.