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EDUCATION

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, Illinois, 2015-2022

PhD: Ecology, Evolution, and Conservation Biology

Program in Ecology, Evolution, and Conservation Biology, School of Integrative Biology

Current GPA: 4.00/4.00

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, Illinois, 2011-2015

Bachelor of Science, School of Liberal Arts and Science

Major: Integrative Biology, High Distinction

Minor: Spatial and Quantitative Methods in Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences

GPA: 3.82/4.00

TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND HONORS

Courses Taught

2020-2021 Course Coordinator, School of Integrative Biology, University of Illinois
Organismal Biology, IB 150

2017-2019 Graduate Teaching Assistant, School of Integrative Biology, University of Illinois
Organismal Biology, IB 150

Teaching Awards and Recognition

2019 Heiligenstein Teaching Award; School of Integrative Biology, University of Illinois

2018, '19 Named to List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent By Their Students, University of Illinois

UNDERGRADUATE MENTORING

Certifications

2019 Illinois Mentoring Excellence Program, The Graduate College, University of Illinois

Undergraduate Mentee Research

2019 Payne, Keegan and Nicholas M. Sutton. "Comparing the Escape Behavior and Stress Levels of White-tailed Deer." Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program, Undergraduate Research Symposium, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

PUBLICATIONS

Sutton, Nicholas M., Cory D. Suski, Keegan M. Payne, and James P. O'Dwyer. "Inferring stressor frequency from white-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*) hormone distributions." (*In preparation*).

Sutton, Nicholas M., Michael A. Weston, Patrick J. Guay, Jenna Tregoweth, and James P. O'Dwyer. "A Bayesian optimal escape model reveals bird species differ in their capacity to habituate to humans." *Behavioral Ecology*, Volume 32, Issue 6 (2021): 1064–1074.

Sutton, Nicholas M., and James P. O'Dwyer. "Born to run? Quantifying the balance of prior bias and new information in prey escape decisions." *The American Naturalist* 192.3 (2018): 321-331.

Mitchem, Lisa D., Shannon Stanis, Nicholas M. Sutton, Zachary Turner, and Rebecca C. Fuller. "The pervasive effects of lighting environments on sensory drive in bluefin killifish: an investigation into male/male competition, female choice, and predation." *Current zoology* 64, no. 4 (2018): 499-512.

Sutton, Nicholas M., and Edward J. Heske. "Effects of human state park visitation rates on escape behavior of white-tailed deer." *Human–Wildlife Interactions* 11, no. 1 (2017): 12.

FELLOWSHIPS AND INTRAMURAL FUNDING

2019 PEEC Summer Research Grant: \$1000

2019 Francis M. and Harlie M. Clark Research Support Grant: \$975

2016-19 PEEC Summer RA: ~\$2400/month

2013, '15 Illinois Biomathematics Fellowship: \$8000

2014 James Scholar Preble Research Support: \$600

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Journal Reviewer: Transportation Research Part D-Transport and Environment

Society Member: Animal Behavior Society, Ecological Society of America, International Society for Behavioural Ecology, American Society of Mammalogists

Contributed Presentations

Sutton, N.M. 2018. The predator-prey game: from individuals to populations. International Society for Behavioral Ecology: Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Sutton, N.M. 2018. Inferring population habituation levels: insights from optimal behavior modelling. GEEB Symposium: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Sutton, N.M. 2017. Quantifying the balance of prior bias and new information in prey escape decisions. Ecological Society of America: Portland, Oregon.

Sutton, N.M. 2017. A general framework for characterizing escape decisions. GEEB Symposium: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Sutton, N.M. 2016. Optimal escape for variable predator behavior: Predator approach path informs prey decision making. National Animal Behavior Society: Columbia, Missouri.

Sutton, N.M. and J.P. O'Dwyer. 2015. Modeling prey flight decisions during predator-prey encounters. Ecological Society of America: Baltimore, MD.

Stanis, S., N.M. Sutton, Z. Turner, R. Fuller, and L. DeVille. 2013. Theoretical and computational model for the two-cone visual system of largemouth bass (*Micropterus salmoides*). National Animal Behavior Society: Boulder, CO.