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Professional appointments

- 2021– **USDA Agricultural Research Service**, Raleigh, NC
Applied consulting statistician, Southeast Area (GS-13 as of 2023)
- 2018–2021 **National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center**, Annapolis, MD
(University of Maryland)
- 2019–2021 Data scientist
- 2018–2020 Postdoctoral fellowship: “Food waste and the environment”
Mentor: Dr. Mary Muth (RTI International, Research Triangle Park, NC)
- 2016–2018 **Michigan State University**, East Lansing, MI
Postdoctoral researcher, Department of Forestry; Ecology, Evolutionary Biology, & Behavior Program
“Intraspecific trait variation and community structure at a continental scale”
Advisors: Dr. Phoebe Zarnetske (MSU) and Dr. Sydne Record (Bryn Mawr)
Visiting scholar, University of Notre Dame, laboratory of Jason McLachlan

Current roles and responsibilities

- Support USDA researchers in the Southeast area by designing experiments, processing and visualizing data, and doing statistical analyses
- Develop and teach statistics and data science lessons in virtual and in-person format: see [SEASTats training page](#) for lesson text and slides
- Promote modern statistical approaches and best practices for open and reproducible science at USDA
- Co-write manuscripts, presentations, and research grants; formally review five-year plans of all research units in the Southeast area

Education

- 2011–2016 **University of Tennessee**, Knoxville, TN
Ph.D., Ecology & Evolutionary Biology
Dissertation: “Individual variation in plant traits drives species interactions, ecosystem functioning, and responses to global change”
Advisor: Dr. Nathan Sanders
- 2005–2009 **University of North Carolina**, Chapel Hill, NC
B.S. with highest distinction, Environmental Science

Skills and languages

- Data processing, visualizing, and analysis in R, including tidyverse and data.table
- Developing R packages
- Bayesian modeling with Stan and brms
- Geospatial data processing and modeling with GDAL and R
- Statistical analysis with SAS 9
- Working knowledge of Python and Julia
- Bash scripting
- Creating static webpages with Markdown and Jekyll

- High-performance parallel computing using Linux server
- Using git/GitHub for version control and remote collaborations
- Fluent in spoken and written German; communicate effectively in spoken and written Spanish

Grants

2019	“Connecting local, regional, and continental scale drivers to biodiversity across NEON through the lens of intraspecific trait variation and disturbance.” NSF Macrosystems Biology, NEON-Enabled Science (senior personnel)	\$536,800
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Publications

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Teaching and curriculum development

2025 Designed and taught one-day workshop for USDA researchers: "Machine learning demystified"

2024	Designed and taught two-day workshop for USDA researchers: “Bayesian generalized linear mixed models” Designed and taught two-day workshop for USDA researchers: “R for SAS Users” Designed and taught one-day workshop for USDA researchers: “A smorgasbord of options for multiomics data analysis” Designed and presented lectures for USDA researchers on interpreting statistical interactions, means comparison tests, dealing with common errors in statistical model fitting, and analyzing categorical phenotype data
2023	Designed and taught lessons for USDA researchers : “Bayesian mixed models with brms,” “Data visualization basics with R and ggplot2”
2022	Designed and taught two-day workshop for USDA researchers: “A practical toolkit for mixed models in R”
2021	Co-designed curriculum for day-long geospatial data analysis workshop for postdocs and grad students; taught introductory lesson and lesson on geospatial statistics with vector data
2020	Co-designed and co-taught day-long whirlwind data science class for SESYNC postdoctoral researchers
2020-2021	Co-taught SESYNC 2020 and 2021 Computational Summer Institute , a week-long online data science course Designed and led workshop on best practices for collaboration with GitHub
2018	Designed graduate teaching module: “Using NEON data to test macroecological hypotheses”
2017	Co-instructor of record, Metacommunity Ecology, MSU
2016	Graduate teaching assistant, Models in Biology, UT-Knoxville
2015-2016	Graduate teaching assistant, Conservation Biology, UT-Knoxville
2015	Designed and led workshop on graphing with R and ggplot2
2014	Designed and led workshops on introductory statistics with R
2013-2014	Member of panel developing and reforming curriculum of undergraduate introductory biology courses, UT-Knoxville
2012-2014	Graduate teaching assistant, General Ecology, UT-Knoxville
2011-2012	Graduate teaching assistant, Introduction to Biodiversity, UT-Knoxville

Mentoring

2024-	Member of Nirwan Tandukar’s graduate committee, N.C. State University Department of Molecular and Structural Biochemistry
2021	Mentored student team in University of Maryland Data Challenge; team won grand prize in a 75-team competition
2020	Remotely mentored two Bryn Mawr College undergraduates on an R package development project, funded by NSF Macrosystems Biology grant
2017-2018	Mentored 4 undergraduates through Summer Research Opportunities Program and High Performance Computing Center, MSU
2012-2015	Mentored 8 undergraduate field and lab assistants, Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory
2013-2015	Mentored 3 undergraduate lab assistants, UT-Knoxville

Fellowships and awards

2024	USDA-ARS Southeast Area Annual Employee Recognition Program: award for Customer Service and Technical Expertise	
2018	NSF SESYNC postdoctoral immersion fellowship	\$160,000
2015	University of Tennessee Science Alliance graduate award	\$3000
	NSF travel grant to deliver biology education seminar at Notre Dame	\$500
2014	Outstanding Outreach and Community Service award, UT-Knoxville Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology	
2013	Dr. Jean H. Langenheim Endowed Graduate Fellowship in the Ecology and Evolution of Plants, Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory	\$6000
	UTK Graduate Student Senate travel award	\$500
	Honorable Mention, National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship	
2012	Dr. Lee R. G. Snyder Memorial Fellowship, Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory	\$700

Invited talks

V = virtual

2025	“Multinomial logistic GLMMs: a patchy landscape of software implementations.” AgStats (Conference on Applied Statistics in Agriculture & Natural Resources), as part of session I co-organized on GLMM best practices, Gainesville, FL (V)
2024	“Doing more with less: using prior knowledge and creative experimental design to get more results from fewer animals.” USDA ARS 2024 IACUC workshop, Stuttgart, AR (V) “Analyzing ordered categorical phenotypes: challenges and pitfalls.” USDA ARS SIBS Phenomics working group meeting, Raleigh, NC “Troubleshooting common errors and warnings in (G)L(M)Ms.” USDA ARS Honey Bee Lab, Baton Rouge, LA “Statistical interactions: what are they and what do they mean, anyway?” USDA ARS Southern Regional Research Center, New Orleans, LA “Everything you ever wanted to know about means comparisons but were afraid to ask.” USDA ARS Dale Bumpers National Rice Research Center, Stuttgart, AR “A smorgasbord of options for multiomics data analysis.” USDA ARS and Arkansas Children’s Nutrition Center, Little Rock, AR
2023	“Structural equation modeling in food science.” USDA ARS Food Science & Market Quality & Handling Research Unit lab meeting, Raleigh, NC “Power analysis: bureaucratic busywork or critical step in the scientific method?” USDA ARS 2023 IACUC workshop, Athens, GA (V)
2022	“Reducing food waste from farm to fork to benefit biodiversity.” North Carolina State University, Plant & Microbial Biology department seminar, Raleigh, NC
2020	“Reducing food waste to benefit environment and society: how, why, and in what context?” Duke University Program in Ecology seminar series, Durham, NC (V)
2018	“Food waste impacts on biodiversity.” Commission on Environmental Cooperation Food Loss and Waste Measurement Experts Group Meeting,

	Arlington, VA
2017	“Challenges in the functional trait approach to community ecology (and ways to overcome them).” German Centre for Integrative Biodiversity Research (iDiv), Leipzig, Germany
	“Intraspecific variation and community assembly.” National Ecological Observatory Network, Boulder, CO (talk co-delivered with John Grady)
2016	“Individual variation in organismal traits: predicting patterns in space and time from local to global scales.” Michigan State University Department of Forestry, Hanover Forest Science Seminar Series, East Lansing, MI
2015	“C3UBE undergraduate biology curriculum reform.” University of Notre Dame, Biology Education Seminar, Notre Dame, IN
2014	“Roots, leaves, and soils facing global change.” Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory Seminar, Gothic, CO
	“Plant traits & interactions altered by warming at different elevations.” Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Environmental Sciences Division, Oak Ridge, TN

Conference presentations

2024	Read, Q. D. and F. Breidt. “Exploring the options for quantifying uncertainty in derivatives of splines.” NCCC-170 meeting, Mayagüez, PR
2023	Read, Q. D. and H. J. Penn. “‘Boring’ for insights in a 28-year sugarcane insect herbivory dataset.” AgStats, West Lafayette, IN
2019	Read, Q. D. , J. A. Gephart, A. D. Cuéllar, ... and M. K. Muth. “Which supply chain stages should we target to reduce food loss and waste and benefit the environment?” Ecological Society of America-United States Society for Ecological Economics, Louisville, KY
2018	Read, Q. D. , S. Record, K. M. Dahlin, P. L. Zarnetske, and others. “Measuring geodiversity to explain biodiversity: what is the effect of spatial grain and spatial consciousness?” US-International Association of Landscape Ecology, Chicago, IL
2017	Read, Q. D. , J. M. Grady, P. L. Zarnetske, S. Record, and others. “Intraspecific variation reflects drivers of rodent community assembly across the National Ecological Observatory Network.” Ecological Society of America, Portland, OR
2015	Read, Q. D. , N. J. Sanders, and A. T. Classen. “A globally replicated experiment shows that long-term environmental filters constrain plant response to increased temperature and loss of foundation species.” Ecological Society of America, Baltimore, MD

Guest lectures

2023	Food waste, Global Environmental Issues (undergraduate course), William Peace University, Raleigh, NC
	Ethical and responsible statistical practices, Bioethics (graduate/undergraduate course), N.C. State University
2022	Food waste, Agroecology (undergraduate course), University of Maryland
2021	Food waste, People, Land and Food (undergraduate course), George Washington University, Washington, DC
2020	Data synthesis in food-energy-water nexus research, Global Stewards (graduate seminar), University of Maryland
2015	Mock trial activity, Conservation Biology, UT-Knoxville

2013	Climate change and communities, General Ecology, UT-Knoxville
2012	Biogeochemistry, General Ecology, UT-Knoxville

Software

2022	Weinroth, M. and Q. D. Read. 2022. epi2me2r: Process Nanopore EPI2ME Output for Use in R. R package version 0.1.0. https://mweinroth.github.io/epi2me2r/ .
2021	Read, Q. D. , A. Yue, I. E. Fluck, B. Baiser, J. M. Grady, P. L. Zarnetske, and S. Record. 2021. Ostats: O-stats, or pairwise community-level niche overlap statistics. R package version 0.1.1. https://neon-biodiversity.github.io/Ostats/ . DOI:10.5281/zenodo.5706470.
2020	Brunson, J. C. and Q. D. Read. 2020. ggalluvial: Layered Grammar for Alluvial Plots. R package version 0.12.2.0001. https://corybrunson.github.io/ggalluvial/ .
2019	Marchand, P., I. T. Carroll, M. Smorul, R. E. Blake, and Q. D. Read. 2019. rslurm: Submit R Calculations to a 'Slurm' Cluster. R package version 0.6.1. https://sesync-ci.github.io/rslurm . DOI:10.5281/zenodo.5705430.

Online content

2019-2021	Blog posts on the SESYNC Cyberhelp blog (https://sesync-ci.github.io/blog) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Making a fifty-state USA map, 2021 edition” • “Making free maps with R, ggspatial, and Mapbox” • “Goodbye %>%, hello := (Using R data.table to speed up my data science)” • “How open reproducible methods benefit the research community: a shiny story” • “The carbon footprint of R code, and how to reduce it” • “Resources to help you learn GitHub Pages” • “Tips for a smooth R(Studio) workflow and reproducible R code” • “How do I resolve merge conflicts in git/GitHub/GitLab?” • “Using the rslurm package to run code in parallel” • “ggplot tricks not to forget about”
2021	Marchand, P., I. T. Carroll, and Q. D. Read. “Introduction to Geospatial Data.” Jul. 2021, SESYNC Cyberhelp online lesson. https://sesync-ci.github.io/geospatial-packages-in-R-lesson/
2020	Read, Q. D. “Advanced git Techniques.” Sep. 2020, SESYNC Cyberhelp online lesson. https://sesync-ci.github.io/advanced-git-lesson/ Read, Q. D. and I. T. Carroll. “Online Data with R.” Jul. 2020, SESYNC Cyberhelp online lesson. https://sesync-ci.github.io/online-data-with-R-lesson/ Muth, M. K. and Q. D. Read. “Effects of COVID-19 meat and poultry plant closures on the environment and food security.” 7 Jul. 2020, RTI Insights blog. https://www.rti.org/insights/covid-19-effect-meat-supply-chain Blake, R. E., R. Beilinson, N. Motzer, K. L. Hondula, and Q. D. Read. “Resources and tips for elevating your team science in an all-virtual world.” Mar. 2020. https://www.sesync.org/resources-and-tips-for-elevating-your-team-science-in-an-all-virtual-world

Professional service

- 2025– Member, USDA ARS Data Management Working Group; providing policy and best-practices recommendations to the agency about data management
- 2024– Member, [NCCC-170](#) “Research Advances in Agricultural Statistics” research coordinating committee
- 2024– Member, USDA SciNet (high-performance computing network) Advisory Committee; chair of Education subcommittee
- 2020– Peer reviewer of R packages for [RopenSci.org](#)
- 2019–2023 Maintainer of the R package *rslurm* ([earthdatascience.org/rslurm](#))
- 2019 Review panelist, SESYNC immersion postdoctoral fellowship program
- 2017 Co-organizer of oral session at Ecological Society of America meeting: “Challenges and opportunities for investigating ecological communities across space and time: insights from coordinated research networks.”
- 2013– Peer reviewer for >40 scholarly journals

Community outreach

- 2016– Maintain a personal science blog ([blog.quentinread.com](#))
Answer community programming questions on StackOverflow
- 2023 Panelist, federal careers discussion panel, NC State University biotechnology undergraduate course
- 2021 Interviewed on food waste for SESYNC podcast ([anchor.fm/sesync-communications](#))
- 2018 Organized event and gave presentation on citizen science opportunities, MSU Science Festival
- 2017 Gave public research talk, MSU Biology On Tap
- 2014 Organized and coordinated Darwin Day Tennessee
- 2013 Coordinated advertising for Darwin Day Tennessee
- 2012 Discussed my research and assisted 7th-grade students with climate change projects
- 2011–2015 Volunteered at kids' science education events at the University of Tennessee and the Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory

Professional training

- 2024 Bayesian Procedures in SAS training course
- 2021 SAS for R Users training course
- 2020 ReproHack reproducible science workshop, SESYNC
- 2019 Google Earth Engine workshop, SESYNC
Ecosystem services valuation workshop, USDA, Washington, DC
- 2018 Data to Motivate Synthesis workshop, SESYNC
- 2018–2020 SESYNC postdoctoral immersion series, including multiday workshops on interdisciplinary techniques, team science, socio-environmental hydrology, land system science, methods in social science, ecology, environmental policy, and public health
- 2014 Structural equation modeling workshop with Dr. Jim Grace, Knoxville, TN

- 2013 Short course: Boreal Forest Ecology, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Umeå, Sweden
- 2012 Short course: Fundamentals of Ecosystem Ecology, Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies, Millbrook, NY