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## Education

PhD Genetics, University of Georgia 2006  
MS Botany, University of California Riverside 2000  
BA Botany, University of California Riverside 1998

## Academic Employment

Professor, Dept. Plant Sciences, University of California Davis 2016-present  
Associate Professor, Dept. Plant Sciences, University of California Davis 2012-2016  
Assistant Professor, Dept. Plant Sciences, University of California Davis 2009-2012  
Postdoctoral Researcher (with BS Gaut), University of California Irvine 2006-2008  
Profesor de Asignatura, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México 2001

## Selected Fellowships and Awards

Mid-Career Excellence in Maize Genetics Award 2016  
Faculty Development Award in recognition of university service 2015  
DuPont Young Professor Award 2012  
Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers 2009  
Dean's Award for Postdoctoral Excellence, UC Irvine 2008

## Instruction and Advising

Current (total) advisees: 2 (10) postdoc, 4 (5) graduate, 1 (20) undergraduate  
Instructor, Frontiers and Techniques in Plant Science, CSHL, July 2015  
Genetics (UC Davis, BIS 101, undergraduate), 2013-present  
Ecological Genomics (UC Davis, ECS243, graduate), 2014-present  
Faculty advisor, Pioneer Hi-Bred/CAES graduate student symposium in plant breeding, 2012-present  
Faculty advisor, US-Mexico graduate student exchange program, 2011-2015  
Population and Quantitative Genetics (GGG 201D, graduate), 2010-2013  
Plant Genetics (PLS 152, undergraduate), 2010-2011  
Biología de Plantas I (undergraduate), UNAM, 2001

## Service: selected from last 2 years

### *University*

UC Davis representative, UC-Mexico Initiative committee on the environment, 2014-present

Section Chair for Agricultural Plant Biology, 2014-present

Plant Sciences executive committee, 2014-present

College of Ag. and Environ. Sciences Visioning Committee, 2013

Search committees: Director Genome Center Sequencing Core (2014), Bioinformatician (chair, 2013), Director Plant Breeding Center (2013)

Chair, Dept. of Plant Sciences IT committee, 2011-2013

Dept. of Plant Sciences academic planning committee, 2010-2015

### *Professional*

Editorial Boards: Genes, Genomes, and Genetics (2014-present), *PeerJ* (2013-present), *Axios Reviews* (2013-present), PLoS Genetics (Guest Editor, 2014)

Journal peer review: Nature, Nature Genetics, Nature Plant (3), PLoS Genetics (5), eLife, Current Biology, Molecular Biology & Evolution (6), Genome Research (2), Genetics, Trends in Plant Science, Genome Biology & Evolution (2), American Naturalist, Molecular Ecology, G3 (2), BMC Biology, PLoS ONE (2)

Proposal review: Swiss National Science Foundation (2016)

External search committee member, Dept. Plant Biology, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences

## Current Funding

UC-Mexico Initiative: "Maize adaptation to climate in Mexico", 2015-2016 (PI, \$20,000 total)

UCMEXUS: "Adaptive gene flow from teosinte to highland maize in central Mexico", 2015-2016 (Co-PI, \$24,897 total)

NSF Plant Genome Research Program: "Biology of Rare Alleles" (Co-PI, \$3.2M to JRI), 2013-2018

## Invited Seminars: last 12 months

SMBE domestication symposium, Queensland, July 2016

U. Arizona, Apr. 2016

Joint Genome Institute, Mar. 2016

U. Southern California, Feb. 2016

LANGEBIO, Irapuato, Mexico, Nov. 2015

U. Toronto, Oct. 2015

Danforth Center, Sept. 2015

SMBE workshop on adaptation and next-gen sequencing, Montpellier, June 2015

San Francisco Exploratorium, May 2015

Dept. of Ecology and Evol. Bio, UC Irvine, April 2015

Cornell Plant Breeding Symposium, March 2015

## Publications (lab members in bold, \*equal contribution, †cover article, ‡undergraduate, §corresponding)

### Preprints

**O'Brien A**§, Sawers R, **Ross-Ibarra J**, Straus SY§. [Extending the Stress-Gradient hypothesis: increased local adaptation between teosinte and soil biota at the stressful end of a climate gradient](#)

Bukowski R, Guo X, Lu Y, Zou C, He B, Rong Z, Wang B, Xu D, Yang B, Xie C, Fan L, Gao S, Xu X, Zhang G, Li Y, Jiao Y, Doebley K, **Ross-Ibarra J**, **Buffalo V**, Buckler ES, Xu Y, Lai J, Ware D, Sun Q. [Construction of the third generation \*Zea mays\* haplotype map](#)

**Durvasula A**†, Hoffman PJ, **Kent TV**†, Liu C, Kono TJY, Morrell PL§, **Ross-Ibarra J**§. [ANGSD-wrapper](#)

**Beissinger TM**§, Wang L, **Crosby K**, **Durvasula A**†, Hufford MB, **Ross-Ibarra J**§. [Recent demography drives changes in linked selection across the maize genome](#)

### In press or in print

57. Wolfgruber TK, Nakashima MM, Schneider KL, Sharma A, Xie Z, Albert PS, Xu R, **Bilinski P**, Dawe RK, **Ross-Ibarra J**, Birchler JA, Presting G (2016) High quality maize centromere 10 sequence reveals evidence of frequent recombination events. *FRONTIERS IN PLANT SCIENCE In Press*

56. Orozco-Ramírez Q, Santacruz-Varela A, **Ross-Ibarra J**, Brush B (2016) Maize diversity associated with social origin and environmental variation in southern Mexico. *HEREDITY In Press*  
Citations: 0

55. Gerke JP§, Edwards JW, Guill KE, **Ross-Ibarra J**§, McMullen MD. The genomic impacts of drift and selection for hybrid performance in maize (2015) *GENETICS In Press*  
Citations: 8

54. Sosso D, Luo D, Li Q-B, Sassse J, **Yang J**, Gendrot G, Suzuki M, Koch KE, McCarty DR, Chourey PS, Rogoswsky PM, **Ross-Ibarra J**, Yang B, Frommer WB (2015) Seed filling in domesticated maize and rice depends on SWEET-mediated hexose transport. *NATURE GENETICS In Press*  
Citations: 0

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Citations: 4

52. **Vann LE**, **Kono T**, **Pyhäjärvi T**, **Hufford MB**§, **Ross-Ibarra J**§ (2015) Natural variation in teosinte at the domestication locus *teosinte branched1* (*tb1*). *PEERJ* 3:e900  
Citations: 1

51. Hake S, **Ross-Ibarra J** (2015) Genetic, evolutionary and plant breeding insights from the domestication of maize. *eLIFE* 2015;4:e05861  
Citations: 2

50. Fonseca RR, Smith B, Wales N, Cappellini E, Skoglund P, Fumagalli M, Samaniego JA, Caroe C, Avila-Arcos MC, Hufnagel D, Korneliusson TS, Vieira FG, Jakobsson M, Arriaza B, Willerslev E, Nielsen R, Hufford MB, Albrechtsen A, **Ross-Ibarra J**, Gilbert MT (2015) The origin and evolution of maize in the American Southwest. *NATURE PLANTS* 1(1)  
Citations: 8

49. Dyer GA, López-Feldman A, Yúnez-Naude A, Taylor JE, **Ross-Ibarra J** (2015) Reply to Brush *et al.*: A wake up call for crop conservation science. PNAS 112 (1), E2-E2 (letter).  
Citations: 1
48. Makarevitch I, Waters M, West P, **Stitzer M**, **Ross-Ibarra, J**, Springer NM (2015) Mobile elements contribute to activation of genes in response to abiotic stress. PLoS GENETICS 11 (1): e1004915.  
Citations: 20
47. Tiffin P, **Ross-Ibarra J** (2014) Advances and limits of using population genetics to understand local adaptation. TRENDS IN ECOLOGY AND EVOLUTION 29:673-680  
Citations: 30
46. **Bilinski P**, **Distor KD**, **Gutierrez-Lopez J**, **Mendoza Mendoza G**, Shi J, Dawe K, **Ross-Ibarra J<sup>S</sup>** (2014) Diversity and evolution of centromere repeats in the maize genome. CHROMOSOMA 0009-5915  
Citations: 5
45. **Mezmouk S**, **Ross-Ibarra J<sup>S</sup>** (2014) The pattern and distribution of deleterious mutations in maize. (2014) G3 4:163-171  
Citations: 8
44. Waters AJ, **Bilinski P**, Eichten SR, Vaughn MW, **Ross-Ibarra J**, Gehring M, Springer NM (2013) Comprehensive analysis of imprinted genes in maize reveals allelic variation for imprinting and limited conservation with other species. PNAS 110:19639-19644  
Citations: 21
43. **Pyhäjärvi T**, **Hufford MB**, **Mezmouk S**, **Ross-Ibarra J<sup>S</sup>** (2013) Complex patterns of local adaptation in teosinte. GENOME BIOLOGY AND EVOLUTION 5: 1594-1609.<sup>†</sup>  
Citations: 30
42. Wills DM, Whipple C, **Takuno S**, Kursel LE, Shannon LM, **Ross-Ibarra J**, Doebley JF (2013) From many, one: genetic control of prolificacy during maize domestication. PLoS GENETICS 9(6): e1003604.  
Citations: 21
41. McCouch S, Baute GJ, Bradeen J, Bramel P, Bretting PK, Buckler E, Burke JM, Charest D, Cloutier S, Cole G, Dempewolf H, Dingkuhn M, Feuillet C, Gepts, P, Grattapaglia D, Guarino L, Jackson S, Knapp S, Langridge P, Lawton-Rauh A, Lijua Q, Lusty C, Michael T, Myles S, Naito K, Nelson RL, Pontarollo R, Richards CM, Rieseberg L, **Ross-Ibarra J**, Rounsley S, Hamilton RS, Schurr U, Stein N, Tomooka N, van der Knaap E, van Tassel D, Toll J, Valls J, Varshney RK, Ward J, Waugh R, Wenzl P, Zamir. (2013) Agriculture: Feeding the future. NATURE 499:23-24  
Citations: 95
40. **Hufford MB**, Lubinsky P, **Pyhäjärvi T**, **Devenganzo MT<sup>†</sup>**, Ellstrand NC, **Ross-Ibarra J<sup>S</sup>** (2013) The genomic signature of crop-wild introgression in maize. PLoS GENETICS 9(5): e1003477.  
Citations: 54
39. **Provance MC<sup>S</sup>**, Garcia Ruiz I, **Thommes C<sup>†</sup>**, **Ross-Ibarra J** (2013) Population genetics and ethnobotany of cultivated *Diospyros riojae* Gómez Pompa (Ebenaceae), an endangered fruit crop from Mexico. GENETIC RESOURCES AND CROP EVOLUTION 60: 2171-2182.  
Citations: 2

38. Melters DP\*, Bradnam KR\*, Young HA, Telis N, May MR, Ruby JG, Sebra R, Peluso P, Eid J, Rank D, Fernando Garcia J, DeRisi J, Smith T, Tobias C, **Ross-Ibarra J<sup>§</sup>**, Korf IF<sup>§</sup>, Chan SW-L. (2013) Patterns of centromere tandem repeat evolution in 282 animal and plant genomes. *GENOME BIOLOGY* 14:R10  
Citations: 54
37. Kanizay LB, **Pyhäjärvi T**, Lowry E, **Hufford MB**, Peterson DG, **Ross-Ibarra J**, Dawe RK (2013) Diversity and abundance of the Abnormal chromosome 10 meiotic drive complex in *Zea mays*. *HEREDITY* 110: 570-577.  
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Citations: 11
35. Muñoz Diez C, Vitte C, **Ross-Ibarra J**, Gaut BS, Tenaillon MI (2012) Using nextgen sequencing to investigate genome size variation and transposable element content. In Grandbastien M-A, Casacuberta JM, editors. *TOPICS IN CURRENT GENETICS* v24: Plant Transposable Elements - Impact on Genome Structure & Function. pp. 41-58  
Citations: 5
34. **van Heerwaarden J<sup>§</sup>**, **Hufford MB**, **Ross-Ibarra J<sup>§</sup>** (2012) Historical genomics of North American maize. *PNAS* 109: 12420-12425  
Citations: 49
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Citations: 38
32. **Hufford MB\***, Xun X\*, **van Heerwaarden J\***, **Pyhäjärvi T\***, Chia J-M, Cartwright RA, Elshire RJ, Glaubitz JC, Guill KE, Kaeppler S, Lai J, Morrell PL, Shannon LM, Song C, Springer NM, Swanson-Wagner RA, Tiffin P, Wang J, Zhang G, Doebley J, McMullen MD, Ware D, Buckler ES<sup>§</sup>, Yang S<sup>§</sup>, **Ross-Ibarra J<sup>§</sup>** (2012) Comparative population genomics of maize domestication and improvement. *NATURE GENETICS* 44:808-811<sup>†</sup>  
Citations: 233
31. Chia J-M\*, Song C\*, Bradbury P, Costich D, de Leon N, Doebley JC, Elshire RJ, Gaut BS, Geller L, Glaubitz JC, Gore M, Guill KE, Holland J, **Hufford MB**, Lai J, Li M, Liu X, Lu Y, McCombie R, Nelson R, Poland J, Prasanna BM, **Pyhäjärvi T**, Rong T, Sekhon RS, Sun Q, Tenaillon M, Tian F, Wang J, Xu X, Zhang Z, Kaeppler S, **Ross-Ibarra J**, McMullen M, Buckler ES, Zhang G, Xu Y, Ware, D (2012) Maize HapMap2 identifies extant variation from a genome in flux. *NATURE GENETICS* 44:803-807<sup>†</sup>  
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30. Fang Z, **Pyhäjärvi T**, Weber AL, Dawe RK, Glaubitz JC, Sánchez González J, **Ross-Ibarra C**, Doebley J, Morrell PL<sup>§</sup>, **Ross-Ibarra J<sup>§</sup>** (2012) Megabase-scale inversion polymorphism in the wild ancestor of maize. *GENETICS* 191:883-894  
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29. Cook JP, McMullen MD, Holland JB, Tian F, Bradbury P, **Ross-Ibarra J**, Buckler ES, Flint-Garcia SA (2012) Genetic architecture of maize kernel composition in the Nested Association Mapping and Inbred Association panels. *PLANT PHYSIOLOGY* 158: 824-834  
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28. Morrell PL, Buckler ES, **Ross-Ibarra J<sup>S</sup>** (2012) Crop genomics: advances and applications. *NATURE REVIEWS GENETICS* 13:85-96<sup>†</sup>  
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Citations: 160
26. **van Heerwaarden J<sup>S</sup>**, Doebley J, Briggs WH, Glaubitz JC, Goodman MM, Sánchez González JJ, **Ross-Ibarra J<sup>S</sup>** (2011) Genetic signals of origin, spread and introgression in a large sample of maize landraces. *PNAS* 108: 1088-1092  
Citations: 133
25. **Hufford MB<sup>S</sup>**, Gepts P, **Ross-Ibarra J** (2011) Influence of cryptic population structure on observed mating patterns in the wild progenitor of maize (*Zea mays* ssp. *parviglumis*). *MOLECULAR ECOLOGY* 20: 46-55  
Citations: 8
24. Tenaillon MI, **Hufford MB**, Gaut BS, **Ross-Ibarra J<sup>S</sup>** (2011) Genome size and TE content as determined by high-throughput sequencing in maize and *Zea luxurians*. *GENOME BIOLOGY AND EVOLUTION* 3: 219-229  
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Citations: 3
21. Whitney KD, Baack EJ, Hamrick JL, Godt MJW, Barringer BC, Bennett MD, Eckert CG, Goodwillie C, Kalisz S, Leitch I, **Ross-Ibarra J** (2010) A role for nonadaptive processes in plant genome size evolution? *EVOLUTION* 64: 2097-2109  
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20. **van Heerwaarden J**, **Ross-Ibarra J<sup>S</sup>**, Doebley J, Glaubitz JC, Sánchez González J, Gaut BS, Eguiarte LE (2010) Fine scale genetic structure in the wild ancestor of maize (*Zea mays* ssp. *parviglumis*). *MOLECULAR ECOLOGY* 19: 1162-1173  
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18. Hollister JD, **Ross-Ibarra J**, Gaut BS (2010) Indel-associated mutation rate varies with mating system in flowering plants. *MOLECULAR BIOLOGY AND EVOLUTION* 27: 409-416.  
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