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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Stonehill College, Easton, MA. Assistant Professor of Biology. August 2016 to present.

American Museum of Natural History, New York, NY, Gerstner Scholar in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology. July 2016-June 2018.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Plant Biology, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. 2016. Dissertation: “The intersection of climate and niche: Likelihood estimation of modern and past climate using plant biodiversity”, Advisor: Dr. Kevin C. Nixon

B.S. Biology, Roanoke College, Salem, VA. 2011. Advisor: Dr. Leonard Pysh.

PUBLICATIONS

Harbert, R.S., and K.C. Nixon. 2018. Dynamic Quaternary vegetation as a proxy for 50,000 years of climate change in Western North America. *Open Quaternary*, doi: <https://doi.org/10.5334/oq.46>

Harbert, R.S. 2018. Algorithms and database strategy for the reconstruction of plant communities from ancient and environmental DNA. *Applications in Plant Sciences*, e1034

Martinez, C., T.Y.S. Choo, D. Allevato, K. Nixon, W. Crepet, **R. Harbert**, C. Daghljan. 2016.

Rariglanda jerseyensis a new ericalean fossil flower from the Late Cretaceous of New Jersey. *Botany* 94: 747–758 dx.doi.org/10.1139/cjb-2016-0062

Harbert, R.S., and K.C. Nixon. 2015. Climate reconstruction analysis using coexistence likelihood estimation (CRACLE): A method for the estimation of climate using vegetation. *American Journal of Botany*, doi:10.3732/ajb.1400500

Harbert, R.S., A.H.D. Brown, and J. Doyle. 2014. Climate Niche Modeling in the Perennial Glycine (Leguminosae) Allopolyploid Complex. *American Journal of Botany* 101(4):710-721.

Pysh, L., N. Alexander, L. Swatzyna, and **R. Harbert**. 2012. Four alleles of AtCESA3 form an allelic series with respect to root phenotype in Arabidopsis thaliana. *Physiologia Plantarum* 144:369-381.

COURSES

BIO101L – Biological Principles I Lab, Stonehill College

BIO102L – Biological Principles II Lab, Stonehill College

BIO261 – Biological Statistics, Stonehill College

BIO316 – R Programming for Biologists, Stonehill College

BIO331 – Introduction to Bioinformatics, Stonehill College

BIO332 – Applied Bioinformatics, Stonehill College

MENTORING

Jordan Callahan – Stonehill College SURE 2019, “Monitoring Biodiversity from Aquatic eDNA with Nanopore Sequencing”

Patrick O’Shea – Stonehill College SURE 2019, “Machine Learning for Spatial Biodiversity Modeling”

Grace Moore – AMNH REU 2018, “Paleogenomics of Ancient DNA from *Neotoma* packrat midden plant macrofossils.”

SCIENTIFIC SOFTWARE

cRacle – <https://github.com/rsh249/cRacle.git> -- R Library

rasterExtras – <https://github.com/rsh249/rasterExtras.git> -- R Library

ISOETES1 – <https://github.com/rsh249/ISOETES1.git> -- Pipeline for metagenomic analysis of short-read DNA sequence data.

NeotomaSeq – <https://github.com/rsh249/NeotomaSeq.git> -- Pipeline for metagenomic analysis of ancient DNA from packrat middens.

raster_PET – https://github.com/rsh249/raster_PET.git -- R code for calculating Evapotranspiration from global climate data.

EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

Introduction to Bioinformatics: <https://rsh249.github.io/bioinformatics/>

Applied Bioinformatics: https://rsh249.github.io/applied_bioinformatics/

R Programming for Biologists: https://rsh249.github.io/semester_biology/

AMNH -- RGGS short course in Spatial Bioinformatics: https://rsh249.github.io/spatial_bioinformatics/

AMNH -- SICG Workshop – Python Programming for Bioinformatics: https://rsh249.github.io/python_workshop