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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor +Sep. 2023 - present Department of Biological Sciences, University at Buffalo

Postdoc +Jan. 2022-23 University of California, Davis (UC Davis)

Postdoc +Jan. 2020-22 University of California, Berkeley (UC Berkeley)

EDUCATION

PhD Zoology, University of British Columbia (UBC), May 27th, 2020.

MA Ecology, Evolution & Behavior; Computer Science (minor), 2014.

University of Texas, Austin (UT Austin)

BS Behavior, Genetics & Neurobiology; Applied Statistics (minor), *high distinction*, 2011.

University of Toronto (U of T)

PUBLICATIONS (*corresponding author; +equal contribution; ^ mentee)

2023

Li Q., Chen D., **Wang S.*** 2023. Character displacement of egg colors during tinamou speciation. *Evolution*. 77: 1874-1881.

Young R.L.+, Price S. M.+, Schumer M., **Wang S.**, Cummings M.* 2023. Individual variation in preference behavior in sailfin fish refines the neurotranscriptomic pathway for mate preference. *Ecology and Evolution*. 13:e10323.

2022

de Zwaan D. R., Mackenzie J.^, Mikkelsen E.^, Wood, C., **Wang S.*** 2022. Opposing dominance within a color gene block is associated with maladaptive hybrid signal discordance. *PNAS nexus*. 1: 1-6. [first senior author paper]

Wang S., Nalley M.J., Chatla K., Aldaimalani R.^, MacPherson A., Wei KH-C., Corbett R., Mai D., Bachtrog D.* 2022. Neo-sex chromosome evolution shapes sex-dependent asymmetrical introgression barrier. *PNAS*. 119: e2119382119.

+MacPherson A.*, +**Wang S.**, Rieseberg L., Yamaguchi R., Otto S. Parental population isolation and range expansion before secondary contact leads to greater hybrid relative fitness. 2022. *American Naturalist*. 200: E1-E15.

Ore M.^, **Wang S.**, Irwin D.E. 2022. Gradual transitions in genetics and songs between coastal and inland populations of *Setophaga townsendi*. *Ornithology*.

2021

Wang S.*, Ore M., Mikkelsen E.^, Lee-Yaw, J., Rohwer S., Irwin DE. 2021. Signatures of mito-nuclear climate adaptation in a warbler species complex. *Nature Communications*. 12:4279.

2020

Wang S.*, Rohwer S., de Zwaan D. R., Toews D.P.L., Lovette I.J., Mackenzie J. ^, Irwin DE. 2020. Selection on a small genomic region underpins differentiation in multiple color traits between two warbler species. *Evolution Letters*. 4: 502-515.

2019

Wang S.*, Rohwer S., Delmore K., Irwin DE. 2019. Cross-decades stability of an avian hybrid zone. *Journal of Evolutionary Biology*. 32:1242-1251.

[Work before Ph.D. study]

2017

Wang S., Sokolowski M. B.* 2017. Aggressive behaviors, food-deprivation, and the *foraging* gene. *Royal Society Open Science*. 4:170042.

2015

Wang S.*, Cummings M. E., Kirkpatrick M. A. 2015. Coevolution of male courtship and sexual conflict characters in mosquitofish. *Behavioral Ecology*. 26: 1013-1020.

2014

Wang S.M.T., Ramsey M., Cummings M. E.* **2014**. Plasticity of the mate choice mind: courtship evokes choice-like brain responses in females from a coercive mating system. *Genes, Brain and Behavior*. 13: 365-375.

ACADEMIC SERVICES

Leadership

- 2023 Evolutionary and Conservation Genomics, Genome, Canadian Science Publishing, Guest editor
 2023 Ecological Dimensions of Hybridization symposium, co-organizer
 Canadian Society of Ecology and Evolution, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
 2020-22 [Speciation & Introgression Webinar Series](#), organizer
 i.e. weekly international zoom seminar-discussion group with over 470 researchers. Between Jan. 2020 to Dec. 2021, over 100 speakers were hosted to discuss scientific progress in speciation and/or introgression research.
 2017-19 Biodiversity Seminar Committee, A/V coordinator, Biodiversity Research Center, UBC

Reviewer service

Auk, American Naturalist, Biology Letters, Evolution, Genome Biology and Evolution, Heredity, Integrative and Comparative Biology, Journal of Avian Biology, Molecular Biology and Evolution, Molecular Ecology, Scientific Reports, National Science Foundation Grant Proposal, Poland National Science Center Grant Proposal.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2023** Great Lakes Annual Meeting of Evolutionary Genomics (GLAM-EvoGen), Cornell University
2023 Department of Zoology, Cambridge University, United Kingdom
2023 Barton Group, Institute of Science and Technology Austria
2022 Eco-Evo Lunch Seminar, Department of Biology, Stanford University
2022 Department of Evolution, Ecology, and Organismal Biology, University of California, Riverside
2022 Department of Biological Science, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
2022 Department of Integrative Biology, University of Texas, San Antonio
2022 Department of Biology, George Washington University
2022 Biological Science Division, University of Chicago
2021 Center of Theoretical Evolutionary Genomics seminar, UC Berkeley
2021 Museum Seminar Series, Museum of Natural Sciences, Louisiana State University
2021 Advances in the Study of Reproductive Isolation in Birds Symposium (AOS meeting).
2021 Barton Group, Institute of Science and Technology Austria.
2021 Evolution, Genomics, Behavioral Ecology, French National Centre for Scientific Research.
2021 Department of Biology, University of North Dakota
2021 Evolution, Ecology, Genetics, and Genomics, University of Rochester.
2021 Center of Population Biology, UC Davis
2020 Population Genetics seminar, Duke University.
2020 Ornithology Discussion, University of New Mexico.
2019 Center of Theoretical Evolutionary Genomics seminar, UC Berkeley.
2019 Les Ecologistes seminar, Simon Fraser University.
2018 BLISS seminar, University of British Columbia.
2013 Lunch seminar, School of Geological Science, UT Austin.
2013 Brain, Behavior & Evolution (BBE) Seminar, UT Austin.
2013 Biology Department Seminar, University of Oklahoma.
2012 BBE Seminar, UT Austin.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS

- 2023** Canadian Society for Ecology & Evolution, Winnipeg, Canada
2023 Society of Integrative and Comparative Biology, Austin, TX, USA.
2022 Inferring Evolutionary Processes with Ancestral Recombination Graph, SMBE (Global Virtual).
2022 Biodiversity Genomics, Global Virtual.
2022 The Society for the Study of Evolution meeting, Cleveland, OH, USA.
2021 Speciation Introgression Discussion Group, Virtual.

- 2021** American Ornithological Society (AOS) meeting, Virtual.
2021 The Society for the Study of Evolution meeting, Virtual.
2021 Population Genomics Journal Club, UC Berkeley, Virtual.
2021 Annual Drosophila Research Conference, The Genetics Society of America, Virtual.
2019 The Society for the Study of Evolution meeting, Providence, Rhode Island, USA.
2019 Eco-Evo Retreat, Brackendale, BC, Canada.
2018 International Ornithological Congress meeting, Vancouver, BC, Canada.
2017 The Society for the Study of Evolution meeting, Portland, OR, USA.
2017 Canadian Society for Ecology and Evolution meeting, Victoria, BC, Canada.
2016 North American Ornithological Congress, Washington, DC, USA.
2015 American Ornithologists' Union & Cooper's Ornithological Society meeting, OK, USA.
2014 International Ornithological Congress, Tokyo, Japan.
2014 American Society of Naturalists meeting, Pacific Grove, CA, USA.
2014 Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology Meeting, Austin, TX, USA.
2012 The Society for the Study of Evolution, Ottawa, ON, Canada.
2012 Animal Behavior Society meeting, Albuquerque, NM, USA.
2012 Integrative Biology Graduate Symposium, UT Austin.
2011 American Ornithologists' Union, Jacksonville, FL, USA.

POSTERS (*best poster award)

- 2023** Society of Integrative and Comparative Biology, Austin, TX, USA.
2019* The Society for the Study of Evolution, Providence, RI, USA.
2018 Evo-Wibo Conference, Port Townsend, WA, USA.
2018 Evo-Eco Department Retreat, Brackendale, BC, Canada.
2018* UBC Zoology Graduate Spring Symposium, Vancouver, BC, Canada.
2017 The Society for the Study of Evolution Meeting, Portland, OR, USA.
2017* UBC Zoology Graduate Symposium, Vancouver, BC, Canada.
2010 Ontario Biology Day, Toronto, ON, Canada.
2010 Crime Prevention Conference, Mississauga, ON, Canada.

AWARDS GRANTS & HONORS

2023	Banting Postdoctoral Fellowship (declined)	\$140,000
2019	Ruth Patrick Student Poster Award, American Society of Naturalists	\$1,000
2019	Zoology Travel Award, Department of Zoology, UBC	\$500
2019	Best Talk Award, Eco-Evo Retreat, Brackendale, BC	
2018-2019	Zoology Graduate Fellowship, UBC	\$16,000
2018	Gibson's citation, Green College, UBC	
2018	Best Poster Award, Zoology Graduate Spring Symposium	
2018	Graduate Student Travel Fund, UBC	\$500
2017	Best Poster Award, Zoology Graduate Spring Symposium	
2016	Werner and Hildegard Hesse Research Award in Ornithology	\$2,500
2015-2018	Postgraduate Scholarship D (PGS D) Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC)	\$63,000
2015	Werner and Hildegard Hesse Research Award in Ornithology	\$3,500
2014	Biodiversity Research: Integrative Training & Education Grant, UBC	\$4,000
2014	R Howard Webster Foundation Fellowship, UBC	\$2,500
2014-2018	Four Year Doctoral Fellowship, UBC	\$18,000
2014	Student Travel grant, International Ornithological Congress	\$500
2014	Travel grant, Ecology, Evolution and Behavior, UT Austin	\$1,000
2012-2013	Texas Ecolab Research Grant	\$3,000
2011	Student Travel Award, American Ornithologists' Union	\$600
2011	Ontario Graduate Scholarship, Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities of Ontario	\$6,000
2011	Excellence Award in the Natural Sciences and Engineering, U of T	\$5,600

2010, 2011 Honor Roll in Department of Mathematical and Computational Sciences, U of T
2010 Student Membership Award, American Ornithologists' Union

TEACHING/MENTORING EXPERIENCE

Teach assistance

• BIOL336:	Fundamentals of Evolution Biology, UBC	2018 Spring and Fall
• BIO321:	Introduction to Computational Biology, UT Austin	2014 Spring
• BIO370:	Evolution, UT Austin	2012 Spring, 2013 Fall
• BIO311:	Introductory Biology, UT Austin	2012 Fall
• BIO206:	Structure & Function of Organisms, UT Austin	2012 Summer
• BIO318:	Biostatistics, UT Austin	2011 Fall
• STA257:	Probability and Statistics I, U of T	2010 Fall
• BIO329:	Mammalian Biology field section, U of T	2009 Fall

Guest lecture

BIOL427:	Ornithology and Herpetology	2019 Fall, 2021 Spring
BIO321:	Introduction to Computational Biology, UT Austin	2014 Spring

Mentoring

Anton Pederson: 2012; Arvind Pillai: 2013; Korey Conley: 2013-14;
 Ruth Midgley: 2015; Else Mikkelsen: 2016-17; Jacqueline Mackenzie: 2017; Reema Aldaimalani: 2021

TEACHING SKILLS

Field ornithology: banding, mist-netting, measurements, blood and feather sampling, song recording and analyses, plumage pigment study, field behavioral experiments

Computational biology: coding and statistical analyses in R, spatial genomics, bioinformatics in Unix

Molecular lab: DNA or RNA extraction, library preparation

Scientific illustration: data visualization, vector illustration, watercolor and pencil drawing, poster & infographics

OUTREACH & SERVICES

2021 & 2022	Berkeley Bird Festival, avian illustration volunteer, Berkeley, California
2022	Graduate Preview Program, Evolution & Ecology, UC Davis.
2021	Breaking Language Barriers in Biodiversity Science, guest mentor, UC Berkeley
2019	Girls in Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM), mentor, Templeton Secondary School, Vancouver
2019	Nature Illustration Club Coordinator, UBC
2015-19	Biodiversity Birding Group Coordinator, UBC
2018	Dining Society Treasurer, Green College, UBC
2017-18	Sustainability Committee, Chair, Green College, UBC
2015-16	Art Committee, Chair, Green College, UBC

Public lectures

- How Do New Bird Species Arise? **June 16th, 2022**. Golden Gate Audubon Society Speaker Series.
- Speciation in the Pacific West Warblers. **May 17th, 2022**. Popping the Science Bubble Series. Berkeley Public Library.
- On the Speciation of Species: A Fantastic Process Underlying Biodiversity, **Mar. 26th, 2018**, Green College, UBC.
- The Hermit Expedition: Stories about the Habitat, Flora, Fauna and People in Northwest America, **Sep. 26th, 2016**, Green College, UBC.
- The Scales of Existence: A Journey from Population to Molecules (Collaborated with Isobel Mouat, Microbiology and Immunology; Kelsey Huus, Microbiology and Immunology; J. Andrew Alexander, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology), **Nov. 16th, 2015**, UBC.
- Sassy Tastes or Sexy Traits: Stories about Coevolution of Female Preference and Male Traits. Darwin's 203rd Birthday, **May 11th, 2012**, Texas Memorial Museum.