



EDUCATION

2014 – 2019

Duke University

PhD Ecology

Dissertation: *Forecasted Afrotropical community responses to climate change diverge from Neotropical predictions with consequences for biodiversity conservation and carbon storage*

Awards: National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship 2014-19; President's Fellowship 2014 - 18; Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Seal of Excellence 2019

2009 – 2013

University of California, Davis

AB Evolutionary Anthropology, summa cum laude

AB Biological Psychology, cum laude

Thesis: *A Bayesian joint model of growth and survival for assessing the consequences of differential maternal investment in Macaca mulatta*

Awards: Departmental Citations for Excellence 2013, Phi Kappa Phi 2013; International Order of Odd Fellows Award 2009; Masonic Masters and Brethren Award 2009; Phil Bocks Community Service Award 2009; Northstar at Tahoe Environmental Stewardship Award 2009; Tahoe Mountain Resorts Award 2009

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

2020 →
Konstanz, Germany
Laikipia, Kenya
Gamboa, Panama

Postdoctoral Research Scientist

Max Planck Institute of Animal Behavior

Department for the Ecology of Animal Societies

University of Konstanz

Centre for the Advanced Study of Collective Behaviour

Landscape-Scale Dispersal Ecology

2019 – 2020
Leipzig, Germany

Postdoctoral Research Scientist

German Centre for Integrative Biodiversity Research (iDiv) Halle-Jena-Leipzig

Department for the Study of Macroecology and Society

Community Responses to Landscape Diversity and Change

2014 – 2019
N. Carolina, USA
Libreville, Gabon
Brazzaville, ROC

NSF/Neil Williams Presidential Graduate Research Fellow

Duke University

Nicholas School for the Environment

University Program in Ecology

Afrotropical Forest Community Responses to Climate Change (NSF GRF-1106401)

2013 – 2014
Kakamega, Kenya

Field Project Manager

Columbia University in the City of New York

Department of Ecology, Evolution, and Environmental Biology (E3B)

Life History and Ecology of *C. mitis stuhlmanni* (NSF BCS-1028471)

2011 – 2013
California, USA

Staff Research Associate

Harvard University; University of California, Davis

Maternal Effects on Offspring Outcomes (NSF BCS-0921978)

Long-term Effects of Chronic Intranasal Oxytocin (NICHD 1R01HD071998-01A1)

The Neurobiology of Social Bonding (NICHD 5R01HD053555-04)

PUBLICATIONS

* denotes current or past student co-author

- 2024
10.1002/ece3.11329 Disturbance Sensitivity Shapes Patterns of Tree Species Distribution in Afrotropical Lowland Rainforests More Than Climate or Soil;
Núñez CL, Clark JS, Poulsen JR;
Ecology and Evolution
Pre-print filed at BioRxiv: 10.1101/823203
- 2022
10.3389/fevo.2021.742626 Distinct Community-Wide Responses to Forecasted Climate Change in Afrotropical Forests;
Núñez CL, Poulsen JR, White LJT, Medjibe V, Clark JS;
Frontiers in Ecology and Evolution
Pre-print filed at BioRxiv: 10.1101/823724
- 2022
10.7554/eLife.73695 Ecological and social pressures interfere with homeostatic sleep regulation in the wild;
***JC Loftus, R Harel, Núñez CL, MC Crofoot;**
eLife
Pre-print filed at BioRxiv: 10.1101/2021.09.26.461870
- 2022
10.3389/fevo.2022.801850 Life in 2.5D: animal movement in the trees;
Harel R, Alavi S, Ashbury A, Aurisano J, Berger-Wolf T, Davis G, Hirsch BT, Kalbitzer U, Kays R, Mclean K, Núñez CL, Vining A, Worsøe Havmøller R, Walton Z, Crofoot, MC;
Frontiers in Ecology and Evolution
- 2021
10.1073/pnas.2106130118 Is there tree senescence? The fecundity evidence;
Qiu T, Aavena Acuna M, Andrus R, Ascoli D, Bergeron Y, Beretti R, Bogdziewicz M, Boivin T, Bonal R, Caignard T, Calama R, Camarero JJ, Clark C, Courbaud B, Delzon S, Donoso Calderon S, Farfan-Rios W, Gehring CA, Gilbert GS, Greenberg CH, Guo Q, Hille Ris Lambers J, Hoshizaki K, Ibanez I, Journé V, Kilner C, Kobe R, Koenig WD, Kunstler G, LaMontagne JM, Ledwon M, Lutz JA, Motta R, Myers JA, Nagel TA, Núñez CL, Pearse IS, Piechnik , Poulsen J, Poulton-Kamakura R, Redmond MD, Reid CD, Rodman KC, Scher CL, Van Marle HS, Seget B, Sharma1 S, Silman M, Swenson JJ, Swift M, Uriarte M, Vacchiano G, Veblen TT, Whipple AV, Whitham TG, Wion AP, Wright J, Zhu K, Zimmerman JK, Zywiec M, Clark JS;
Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS)
- 2021
10.1038/s41559-021-01486-0 Ecological factors influence balancing selection on leaf chemical profiles of a wildflower;
Carley LN, Mojica JP, Chen C, Lin Y, Prasad KVSK, Chan E, Hsu C, Keith R, Núñez CL, Olson-Manning CF, Rushworth CA, Wagner MR, Wang J, Yeh P, Reichelt M, Ghattas K, Gershenson J, Lee C, Mitchell-Olds T;
Nature Ecology & Evolution
- 2021
10.1111/icad.12470 Recovery of dung beetle biodiversity and traits in a regenerating rainforest: a case study from Costa Rica's Osa Peninsula;
Whitworth A, Beirne C, Flatt E, *Froese G, Núñez CL, Forsyth A;
Insect Conservation and Diversity
- 2021
10.3389/fevo.2021.789264 Long distance seed dispersal by forest elephants;
Poulsen JR, Beirne C, Rundel C, *Baldino M, *Kim S, *Knorr J, *Minich T, *Jin L, Núñez CL, Xiao S, Mbamy W, Obiang GN, Masseloux J, Nkoghe T, Ebanega MO, Clark CJ, Fay MJ, Morkel P, Okouyi J, White LJT, Wright JP;
Frontiers Ecology And Evolution

- 2021
10.1038/s41467-020-20836-3
 Continent-wide tree fecundity driven by indirect climate effects;
Clark JS, Andrus R, Aubry-Kientz M, Bergeron Y, Bogdziewicz M, Bragg DC, Brockway D, Cleavitt NL, Cohen S, Courbaud B, Daley R, Das AJ, Dietze M, Fahey TJ, Fer I, Franklin JF, Gehring CA, Gilbert GS, Greenberg CH, Guo Q, HilleRisLambers J, Ibanez I, Johnstone J, Kilner C, Knops J, Koenig WD, Kunstler G, LaMontagne JM, Legg KL, Luongo J, Lutz JA, Macias D, McIntire EJB, Messaoud Y, Moore CM, Moran E, Myers JA, Myers OB, Núñez CL, Parmenter R, Pearse S, Pearson S, Poulton-Kamakura R, Ready E, Redmond M, Reid CD, Rodman KC, Scher CL, Schlesinger WH, Schwantes AM, Shanahan E, Sharma S, Steele MA, Stephenson NL, Sutton S, Swenson JJ, Swift M, Veblen TT, Whipple AV, Whitham TG, Wion AP, Zhu K, Zlotin R.
Nature Communications
- 2020
10.1111/geb.13150
 Old growth Afro-tropical forests critical for maintaining forest carbon;
Poulsen JR, Medjibe VP, White LJT, Miao Z, Banack-Ngok L, Beirne C, Clark CJ, Cuni-Sanchez A, Doucet JL, Jeffery KL, Lee ME, Lewis SL, Mahli Y, Massard E, Moore S, Núñez CL, Reitsma J, Saatchi S
Global Ecology and Biogeography
- 2019
10.1002/ecs2.2965
 Stronger together: comparing and integrating camera trap, visual, and dung survey data for ecological inference in tropical forest mammal communities;
*Núñez CL, *Froese G, Beirne C, *Meier A, Ossman M, *Dipenthal J, *McCarthy J, *Kim S, Poulsen J*
Ecosphere
- 2019
10.2981/wlb.00543
 Estimation Of Gut Passage Times Of Wild, Free Roaming Forest Elephants;
*Beirne C, Núñez CL, Baldino M, *Kim S, Knorr J, Masseloux J, *Minich T, Poulsen JR, Rundel C, Wright JP, Jin K, Xiao A, Mbamy W, Obiang GN, Nkoghe T*
Wildlife Biology
- 2019
10.1002/eap.1987
 Landscape - level validation of allometric relationships for carbon stock estimation reveals bias driven by soil type;
Beirne C, Miao Z, Núñez CL, Medjibe VP, Saatchi S, White L.J.T., and Poulsen J.R.
Ecological Applications
- 2019
10.1002/ecm.1381
 Food webs built on unreliable foundations: Masting and the movement, demographic storage, and diet breadth of consumers;
Clark JS, Núñez CL, Tomasek B
Ecological Monographs
- 2018
10.1093/aobpla/pby074
 Low-Intensity Logging and Hunting have Long-Term Effects on Seed Dispersal but not Fecundity in Afro-tropical Forests;
Núñez CL, Clark JS, Poulsen JR, Clark C
Annals of Botany, Plants
- 2018
10.1111/cobi.13035
 Ecological consequences of forest elephant declines for Afro-tropical forests;
*Poulsen JR, Rosin C, Núñez CL, *Meier A, Mills E, Koerner S, Blanchard E, Callejas J, Moore S, Sowers M.*
Conservation Biology
- 2015
10.1002/ajp.22426
 Offspring of primiparous mothers do not experience greater mortality or poorer growth: Revisiting the conventional wisdom with archival records of Rhesus Macaques;
Núñez CL, Grote MN, Wechsler MS, Allen-Blevins C, and Hinde KJ.
American Journal of Primatology

Datasets

10.5061/
dryad.p5hbzkqf
Ecological and social pressures interfere with homeostatic sleep regulation in the wild;
**Loftus JC, Harel R, Núñez CL, Crofoot MC;*
DRYAD

10.5061/
dryad.7h44j0zsr
Ecological factors influence balancing selection on leaf chemical profiles of a wildflower;
Carley LN, ..., Núñez CL, et al.;
DRYAD

Accession:
PRJNA659863
ID: 659863
Boechera stricta raw sequence reads of CFR;
Carley LN, ..., Núñez CL, et al.;
NCBI

Accession:
PRJNA609209
ID: 609209
Boechera stricta long-read genome assembly;
Carley LN, ..., Núñez CL, et al.;
NCBI

SELECTED AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

2022 CO-SLEEP; € 2 900 000	ERC Consolidator Grant Collective Dynamics of Sleep in the Wild <i>as collaborator with M. Crofoot and R. Harel, et al.</i>
2021 M21-38; € 47 270	CASCB Medium Money Grant Collective Responses to Forecasted Landscape-Scale Resource Variation <i>as PI</i>
2021 S21-12; € 3 800	CASCB Small Project Grant FIELD: Facilitating Inclusion, Equity, & Latitudinal Diversity <i>as Co-PI with T. Montgomery & E. Strauss</i>
2017 - 19 \$ 50 000	Bass Connections in Energy and Environment Mega-Gardeners of Tropical Forest: Modelling Seed Dispersal by Forest Elephants <i>as collaborator with J. Poulsen, A. Gelfand, J. Wright, et al.</i>
2017 - 19 WW-190ER-17; \$ 4 839	Early Career Grant National Geographic Society <i>as collaborator with A. Meier, J. Okouyi, and S. Bourgeois</i>
2014 - 18 \$ 77 000 + overhead	Neil Williams Presidential Fellowship Duke University <i>as PI</i>
2014 - 19 NSF GRF-1106401; \$ 96 000 + overhead	Graduate Research Fellowship National Science Foundation <i>as PI</i>

SELECTED COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND ACADEMIC SERVICE

Community Outreach

2021	Presenter Surviving the Apocalypse with Open Data Science University of Konstanz
2021	Presenter STEAM center expansion proposal Kidzone Museum
2019	Presenter Graduate Panel on Mentorship Duke University Biology
2018	Organizer Environmental Law Panel on Climate Policy Duke Conservation Society
2018	Organizer Discussion Forum with Bronwyn Llewellyn, USAID Environment Officer Duke Conservation Society
2018	Organizer Discussion Forum with Greg Andeck of Audubon Duke Conservation Society
2017	Organizer Oosting Endowed Event on Ecological Implications of Disease Duke University Program in Ecology
2016	Organizer Discussion Forum with Andy Read from Vaquitas Duke University Program in Ecology
2016	Organizer Virunga and panel discussion Duke Conservation Society
2016	Presenter Ask a scientist exhibit NC. Central Regional Science and Engineering Fair

Academic Service

2022	Co-Creator fieldperspectives.org Facilitating Inclusion, Equity, & Latitudinal Diversity
2021	Elected Representative Max Planck Society Max Planck Institute of Animal Behavior
2021	Organizer Open Data Science Series Max Planck Institute of Animal Behavior
2014 - 19	PhD Chair University Program in Ecology Executive Council Duke University
2015 - 19	PhD Chair Duke Conservation Society Duke University
2017 - 18	Recruitment Chair University Program in Ecology Duke University
2017 - 18	Co-Director Ecological Perspectives on Disease and Health University Program in Ecology / Triangle Center for Evolutionary Medicine Duke University
2017 - 18	Henry J. Oosting Endowed Lecture PhD Chair University Program in Ecology Duke University
2016 - 17	Elected Representative Graduate and Professional Student Council University Program in Ecology Duke University

TEACHING AND MENTORING

Thesis Supervision

2022	N. Stockmayer BS University of Konstanz / Max Planck Institute <i>"How does the flower density within different regions of a balsa tree (Ochroma pyramidalis) affect the rate and timing of kinkajou (Potos flavus) visits to those regions?"</i>
2023	L. Dempel BS University of Konstanz / Max Planck Institute <i>"Context-dependent leadership and collective behavior during morning departure in Papio anubis"</i>
2021	A. Govaerts MS University of Konstanz / Max Planck Institute <i>"Many Blind Eyes: Non-Specific Collective Vigilance But Effective Dilution of Nocturnal Predation Risk In Papio anubis"</i>
2024	R. Pallagatti MS University of Konstanz / Max Planck Institute <i>"Environmental Determinants of Sleep in Acryllium vulturinum"</i>
2021	C. Monteza PhD University of California Davis / Max Planck Institute <i>"Direct Vs. Legacy Anthropogenic Effects in Neotropical Forest Mammal Communities"</i>

Teaching

ENV 710	Applied Data Analysis for Environmental Science
BIO 362	Evolutionary Ecology
ANT 50	Life History Evolution

Formal Mentoring

2017-19 HS	J. Miklaucic
2017-19 MEM	A. Xiao
2017-19 MEM	K. Jin
2017-19 MEM	M. Baldino
2017-19 MEM	J. Knorr
2016-19 MEM	T. Minich
2016-18 MEM	M. Ossman
2016-18 MEM	J. Dipenthal
2016-18 MEM	J. McCarthy

