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Employment

Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies

Millbrook, NY, USA

POSTDOCTORAL SCIENTIST

2023 - Present

- Research on the ecology of infectious disease at the human-wildlife interface.
- Development of [epizootic](#) R package for process-explicit spatial models of disease.

Education

University of Copenhagen & University of Adelaide

Copenhagen, DK; Adelaide, AU

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (BIOLOGY)

2019 - 2024

- Thesis title: Revealing ecological processes of range dynamics through space and time
- Supervisors: Dr. Damien FORDHAM and Dr. Carsten RAHBK

Tufts University

Medford, MA, USA

MASTER OF SCIENCE (BIOLOGY)

2013 - 2017

- Thesis title: The behavioral ecology of a wasp invasion
- Supervisor: Dr. Philip STARKS

Columbia University

New York, NY, USA

BACHELOR OF ARTS (ECOLOGY, EVOLUTION & ENVIRONMENTAL BIOLOGY)

2008 - 2012

Publications

First-author publications:

- 7 MILLENNIAL PROCESSES OF POPULATION DECLINE, RANGE CONTRACTION AND NEAR EXTINCTION OF THE EUROPEAN BISON 2023
J. A. Pilowsky, S. C. Brown, B. Llamas, A. L. van Loenen, R. Kowalczyk, E. Hofman-Kamińska, N. H. Manaseryan, V. Rusu, M. Križnar, C. Rahbek, and D.A. Fordham *Proceedings of the Royal Society B*
- 6 SIMULATIONS OF HUMAN MIGRATION INTO NORTH AMERICA ARE MORE SENSITIVE TO DEMOGRAPHY THAN CHOICE OF PALAEOCLIMATE MODEL 2022
J. A. Pilowsky, A. Manica, S. Brown, C. Rahbek, and D. A. Fordham *Ecological Modelling*
- 5 RANGE AND EXTINCTION DYNAMICS OF THE STEPPE BISON IN SIBERIA: A PATTERN-ORIENTED MODELLING APPROACH 2022
J. A. Pilowsky, S. Haythorne, S. C. Brown, M. Krapp, E. Armstrong, B. W. Brook, C. Rahbek, and D. A. Fordham *Global Ecology & Biogeography*
- 4 PROCESS-EXPLICIT MODELS REVEAL THE STRUCTURE AND DYNAMICS OF BIODIVERSITY PATTERNS 2022
J. A. Pilowsky, R. K. Colwell, C. Rahbek, and D. A. Fordham *Science Advances*
- 3 INCORPORATING THE TEMPORAL AUTOCORRELATION OF DEMOGRAPHIC RATES INTO STRUCTURED POPULATION MODELS 2019
J. A. Pilowsky and J. P. Dahlgren *Oikos*
- 2 DISPLACEMENT AND REPLACEMENT IN REAL TIME: POLISTES DOMINULA'S IMPACT ON P. FUSCATUS IN THE NORTHEASTERN U.S. 2018
J. A. Pilowsky and P. T. Starks *Biological Invasions*
- 1 SOCIAL CONTEXT AND THE LACK OF SEXUAL DIMORPHISM IN SONG IN AN AVIAN COOPERATIVE BREEDER 2013
J. A. Pilowsky and D.R. Rubenstein *Animal Behaviour*

N-author publications:

4	PROCESS-EXPLICIT MODELS REVEAL PATHWAY TO EXTINCTION FOR WOOLLY MAMMOTH USING PATTERN-ORIENTED VALIDATION <i>D. A. Fordham, S. C. Brown, H. R. Akçakaya, B. W. Brook, S. Haythorne, A. Manica, K. T. Shoemaker, J. J. Austin, B. Blonder, J. A. Pilowsky, C. Rahbek, and D. Nogues-Bravo.</i>	2022 <i>Ecology Letters</i>
3	USING PALEO-ARCHIVES TO SAFEGUARD BIODIVERSITY UNDER CLIMATE CHANGE <i>D. A. Fordham, S. T. Jackson, S. C. Brown, B. Huntley, B. W. Brook, D. Dahl-Jensen, M. T. P. Gilbert, B. L. Otto-Bliesner, A. Svensson, S. Theodoridis, J. M. Wilmshurst, J. C. Buettel, E. Canteri, M. McDowell, L. Orlando, J. A. Pilowsky, C. Rahbek, and D. Nogues-Bravo</i>	2020 <i>Science</i>
2	SONG IN A SOCIAL AND SEXUAL CONTEXT: VOCALIZATIONS SIGNAL IDENTITY AND RANK IN BOTH SEXES OF A COOPERATIVE BREEDER <i>S. Keen, C. D. Meliza, J. Pilowsky, and D. R. Rubenstein</i>	2016 <i>Frontiers in Ecology & Evolution</i>
1	A TEST OF THE HAPLOID SUSCEPTIBILITY HYPOTHESIS USING A SPECIES WITH NATURALLY OCCURRING VARIATION IN PLOIDY <i>N. Wilson-Rich, J. A. Pilowsky, B. Foo, T. Tien, F. Hester, and P. T. Starks</i>	2021 <i>Insectes sociaux</i>

Open Science R Packages

epizootic MAIN DEVELOPER & MAINTAINER	<i>2024</i> Github
paleopop DEVELOPER & MAINTAINER	<i>2021</i> Github
poems MAINTAINER	<i>2021</i> Github
colorednoise MAIN DEVELOPER & MAINTAINER	<i>2017</i> Github

Presentations

2024	Ecological Society of America , "Biases in parasite richness estimates arising from coinfection dynamics" Ecology and Evolution of Infectious Disease , "epizootic: an R package for process-explicit spatial population models of wildlife disease"	<i>Long Beach, CA, USA</i> <i>Palo Alto, CA, USA</i>
2021	Ecological Society of Australia , "Simulating species range dynamics over long time scales"	<i>Virtual Conference</i>
2017	Ecological Society of America , "The ecology of cooperation in Polistes wasps"	<i>Portland, OR, USA</i>

Lectures & Teaching

2024	Process-Explicit Models in Disease Ecology , Guest lecture at Skidmore College Process-Explicit Models in Ecology , Guest Lecture at Fundamentals of Ecology and Evolution course	<i>Saratoga Springs, NY, USA</i> <i>Millbrook, NY, USA</i>
2021	Revenge of the Bison! , Presentation at Ingenuity Convention	<i>Adelaide, AU</i>
2016	Evolution of Sex , Study Group Leader at Osher Institute	<i>Medford, MA, USA</i>
2015	Evolution of Altruism , Study Group Leader at Osher Institute	<i>Medford, MA, USA</i>
2015	Ecological Modeling , Graduate Instructor at Tufts University	<i>Medford, MA, USA</i>

Honors & Awards

2021	Ingenuity Communications Award, Runner-Up , University of Adelaide	<i>Adelaide, AU</i>
2014	Graduate Research Competition Winner , Tufts University	<i>Medford, MA, USA</i>
2013	Graduate Research Fellowship , National Science Foundation	<i>Medford, MA, USA</i>

Research Internships

European Doctoral School of Demography Fellow

Odense, DK

SUPERVISOR: DR. JOHAN DAHLGREN

2017 – 2018

- Developed `colorednoise` R package
- Coursework in demographic modeling

Data collection and visualization of coffee crop yields

Tufts University, Medford, MA, USA

SUPERVISOR: DR. AVERY COHN

2016

- Gathered and harmonized decades of coffee crop yield data from all coffee-producing countries
- Designed visualizations of coffee yield in space and time

Florida Scrub Jay LTER at Archbold Biological Station

Venus, FL, USA

SUPERVISOR: DR. REED BOWMAN

2012

- Fieldwork monitoring scrub jay survival and reproduction
- Spatial modeling of kin structure in intact and disturbed habitat

Skills

Programming	R, C++, Python, Julia, Bash, \LaTeX
Web	HTML5, CSS3, JS (Node/D3), Hugo
Management	Git, Docker
Graphics	Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign
Languages	English (fluent), Spanish (fluent), French (proficient), Danish (conversational)