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Education

- 2017–2021 **Ph.D.**, School of Environment and Science, Griffith University, Australia
Thesis: Flying-fox ecology and transmission dynamics of Hendra virus
Advisors: Prof. Hamish McCallum, Dr. Alison Peel, Assoc. Prof. Raina Plowright
Submitted for review 22nd January 2021 | Conferred 25th June 2021
- 2015 **BSc. Hons with First Class Honors**, School of Biological Sciences, University of Tasmania, Australia
Thesis: Causal modelling of platypus stream use
- 2012–2014 **BSc.**, School of Biological Sciences, University of Tasmania, Australia
Bachelor of Science; double major in Zoology and Environmental Science, minor in Microbiology

Professional Appointments

- 2024– **Assistant Professor**, Odum School of Ecology, University of Georgia, USA
Allocation of Effort: 60% Research (0.449 EFT), 33% Teaching (0.248 EFT), 7% Service (0.053 EFT)
Tenure Status: Tenure-track
Graduate Faculty Status: Current
- 2021–2023 **Postdoctoral Research Fellow**, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Arkansas, USA
Project: Empirical and mathematical modelling of bat-ebolavirus ecology in East Africa
Advisor: Dr. Kristian Forbes ([Fayetteville Disease Ecology Laboratory](#))
- 2021–2023 **Casual Research Fellow**, Centre for Planetary Health and Food Security, Griffith University, Australia
Project: Empirical modelling of Hendra virus in Australian flying-foxes to infer transmission dynamics and spillover risk
Advisor: Dr. Alison Peel, in collaboration with the [BatOneHealth](#) research team
- 2019 **Visiting Researcher/Endeavour Fellow**, Department of Veterinary Medicine, University of Cambridge, UK
Host: Dr. Olivier Restif
- 2016–2017 **Research Associate**, School of Biological Sciences, University of Tasmania, Australia
Project: Empirical modelling of fire on wet sclerophyll forest dynamics, and population modelling of the short-beaked echidna (*Tachyglossus aculeatus*)
Advisor: Prof. Barry Brook
- 2016 **Science Graduate Intern**, Australian Wildlife Conservancy, Australia
Project: Endangered fauna monitoring programs at remote wildlife sanctuaries (New South Wales, South Australia and the Northern Territory)
Advisor: Felicity L'Hotellier

Awards and Honors

2022	Shortlisted for the 2022 Elton Prize , British Ecological Society. [Best research paper in Journal of Animal Ecology written by an early career author]
2017–2021	Research Training Program Scholarship , Griffith University. [AUD\$81,246]
2021	Publication Assistance Scholarship , Griffith Graduate Research School. [AUD\$5,385]
2019	Endeavour Postgraduate Leadership Award , Endeavour Leadership Program. [AUD\$69,500]
2017	Dean's Summer Research Scholarship , University of Tasmania. [AUD\$2,000]
2017	Best Student Presentation , Environmental Futures Research Institute 2017 Student Symposium. [AUD\$400]
2015	Governor's Environment Scholarship , University of Tasmania. [AUD\$7,500]
2015	Dean's Honor Roll for the Faculty of Science, Engineering and Technology , University of Tasmania. [Graduation with First Class Honors]
2014	Ralston Trust Prize , University of Tasmania. [Best academic performance in third-year zoology]
2013	Peter Scott Prize , University of Tasmania. [Best academic performance in second-year environmental science/geography]
2012–2014	Premier of Tasmania West North-West Bursary , University of Tasmania. [AUD\$12,000]
2012–2014	Dean's Roll of Excellence for Science, Engineering and Technology [GPA above 6.25]
2012–2014	Certificate of Excellence, Biological Science Discipline , University of Tasmania. [Outstanding achievement in Biological Science units]

Student Mentorship

Theses directed

2024–	Nuzha Baksh Ph.D. Ecology, University of Georgia Topic: Viral communities and foraging in <i>Rousettus aegyptiacus</i> bats in Kenya
2022–2023	Reilly Jackson Ph.D. Biology, University of Arkansas “Human-bat interactions in a disease emergence hotspot: implications for human health and bat conservation”
2019	Remy Brooks B.Sc. Hons (First Class) Environmental Science, Griffith University “Habitat characteristics within Australian flying fox roosts”
2016–2017	Melissa Gerwin B.Sc. Hons (First Class) Biological Sciences, University of Tasmania “Impact of disturbance on the structure and composition of wet-eucalypt forests”

Thesis committees

2024–	Charlotte Hovland Ph.D. Odum School of Ecology UGA (advisor: Sonia Altizer)
2024–	Jillian Goodrich Ph.D. Institute of Bioinformatics UGA (advisor: Olivia Ginn)
2022–	Isabella Deanglis Ph.D. Biological Sciences, University of Arkansas (advisor: Kristian Forbes)

Undergraduate mentorship

2024–	Henry Traynor 4+1 degree program, Odum School of Ecology UGA Topic: Mathematical modelling of virus dynamics in anthropogenic bat roosts, Kenya
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Student fellowships, scholarships & prizes

2024 **Presidential Graduate Fellow Award**, University of Georgia. Student: Nuzha Baksh [US\$150,100]

Teaching

Courses Taught

ECOL3530 Conservation Biology (3 credit hours, 100% effort, except Spring 2024 50%)

Spring: 2024

Fall: 2024

Typical enrolment: 35-75

Other Teaching

- 2024– Guest lecturer, University of Georgia, USA
- ECOL1000 Ecological Basis of Environmental Issues (Fall 2024)
 - FYOS 1001 First Year Odyssey Seminar (Fall 2024)
- 2023– Guest lecturer, University of Georgia, USA
- FYOS 1001 First Year Odyssey Seminar (Fall 2023)
- 2022 Guest lecturer, University of Arkansas, USA
- BIOL 3863 General Ecology (Spring 2022)
- 2018–2019 Co-instructor of practical classes, Griffith University, Australia
- Taught undergraduate-level statistics using R statistical software:
- 3241ENV Quantitative Ecology, 10 credit points, 22 students enrolled (2018)
 - *Ranked in the top quartile across all criteria in Student Evaluations of Teaching. Nominated for a teaching award by two students*
 - 3241ENV Quantitative Ecology, 10 credit points, 32 students enrolled (2019)
 - *Ranked in the top quartile across all criteria in Student Evaluations of Teaching. Nominated for a teaching award by two students*
- 2015–2017 Field trip leader, University of Tasmania, Australia
- Led teaching activities introducing students to field ecology and data collection:
- KPZ211 Population and Community Ecology, 12.5 credit points, ~120 students enrolled
- 2015 Teaching assistant (practical classes), University of Tasmania, Australia
- Taught undergraduate-level courses for Plant Science and Zoology majors:
- KPZ164 Cell Biology, Genetics and Evolution, 12.5 credit points, ~120 students enrolled
 - KZA161 Biology of Animals, 12.5 credit points, ~120 students enrolled
- 2013–2014 Tutor (Peer Assisted Study Session Leader), University of Tasmania, Australia
- Designed and facilitated group learning activities for academic enhancement sessions, for students taking historically difficult undergraduate-level courses:
- KZA161 Biology of Animals, 4-22 student participants per week
 - *Achieved an average rank of 4.4/5 across criteria in Student Evaluations of Teaching*
 - KPZ163 Ecology, 6-23 student participants per week
 - *Achieved an average rank of 4.3/5 across criteria in Student Evaluations of Teaching*

Recognition for Excellence in Teaching

2024–2025 **Teaching Academy Early Career Fellow** (one of 25 faculty selected into a 1-year program for excellence in instruction)

Research Grants

Awarded research funding

- 2024 **National Institutes for Health**, Research Project Grant Program (R01). PI: K. Forbes, Subcontract Co-PIs: T.J. Lunn, D.G. Streicker, D.J. Becker, V. Mafalda. [Total awarded USD\$2.5M, amount to Lunn: USD\$500k]
- 2024 **UGA Center for the Ecology of Infectious Diseases Seed Grant**, University of Georgia. MPIs: T.J. Lunn, O. Ginn. [Total awarded USD\$25k]
- 2022 **Research and Equipment Grant**, Arkansas Biosciences Institute. [USD\$50,000] PI: K. Forbes (named principal investigator required to be faculty)
- 2019 **Holsworth Wildlife Research Endowment**, Ecological Society of Australia. [AUD\$6,375]
- 2019 **WDA-A Research award**, Wildlife Disease Association Australasia. [AUD\$2,000]
- 2019 **EFRI Conference Support Scheme**, Griffith University. [AUD\$500]
- 2018 **Paddy Pallin Science Grant**, Royal Zoological Society. [AUD\$7,000]
- 2018 **Science Research Grant**, "Grants in Need" private organization. [AUD\$3,500]

Submitted research funding (not awarded)

- 2024 **Searle Scholars Program**. PI: T.J. Lunn. [Requested USD\$300k]
- 2024 **National Institutes for Health**, Centers for Research in Emerging Infectious Diseases (U01). MPI's: J. Bahl, T.J. Lunn, G. Kayali. [Requested USD\$8M]
- 2024 **National Institutes for Health**, Bat Immunology Network Research Projects (R01). PI: A. Schmidt, Subcontract Co-PIs: T.J. Lunn, K. Forbes, T. Sironen. [Requested USD\$2.3M, amount to Lunn: USD\$260k]
- 2023 **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**, Centers for Outbreak Analytics and Disease Modeling. PI: J. Drake, Co-Is: P. Rohani, G. Chowell-Puente, S. Bansal, A. King, P. Qiu, H. Wearing, E. Laber, B. Han, A. Winter, S. Fox, A. Handel, J. Bahl, Y. Yang, E. Lipp, M. Gill, H. Li, A. Park, T. Glenn, G. Nowak, M. Cacciatore, T. Lunn, O. Ginn. [Requested USD:\$15M]
- 2023 **UGA Presidential Interdisciplinary Seed Grant**, University of Georgia. MPIs: O. Ginn, T.J. Lunn. [Requested USD\$140k]
- 2023 **UGA Presidential Interdisciplinary Seed Grant**, University of Georgia. PI: C.B. van Rees, Co-Is: M. Hunter, M.R. Auer, N. Nibbelink, T.J. Lunn, J. Nelson, A. Harper, J. Wares, L. German, E. King, C.B. Woodson, S. Wenger, D. Mishra, R. Holdo, S. Quinn, J. Porter, S. Pippin. [Requested USD\$150k]

Peer-reviewed Publications

(*=graduate student; **=undergraduate student; +=postdoc)

23. **Lunn, T.J.**, R.T. Jackson*, P.W. Webala, J. Ogola, K.M. Forbes (2024). Modern building structures are a landscape-level driver of bat-human exposure risk in Kenya. *Frontiers in Ecology and the Environment*, e2795. DOI: [10.1002/fee.2795](https://doi.org/10.1002/fee.2795)
22. Roffler, A.A., D.P. Maurer, **T.J. Lunn**, T. Sironen, K.M. Forbes, A.G Schmidt (2024) Bat humoral immunity and its role in viral pathogenesis, transmission, and zoonosis. *Frontiers in Immunology*, 15:1269760. DOI: [10.3389/fimmu.2024.1269760](https://doi.org/10.3389/fimmu.2024.1269760)
21. Uusitalo, R., R.T. Jackson*, T.J. Lunn, E.M. Korhonen, J. Ogola, P. Webala, T. Sironen, K.M. Forbes (2024). Current and future environmental suitability for bats hosting potential zoonotic pathogens in rural Kenya. *Ecography*, 14:e11572. DOI: [10.1002/ece3.11572](https://doi.org/10.1002/ece3.11572)
20. Jackson, R.T.*, **T.J. Lunn**, I. DeAnglis*, J. Ogola, P.W. Webala, K.M. Forbes (2024). Frequent and intense human-bat interactions occur in buildings of rural Kenya. *PLOS Neglected Tropical Diseases*, 18(2):e0011988. DOI: [10.1371/journal.pntd.0011988](https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pntd.0011988)

19. Sánchez, C.A., K.L. Phelps, H.K. Frank, M. Geldenhuys, M.E. Griffiths, D.N. Jones, G. Kettenburg, **T.J. Lunn**, K.R. Moreno, M. Mortlock, A. Vicente-Santos, L.R. Viquez, R.C. Kading, W. Markotter, D.M. Reeder, K.J. Olival (2024). Advances in understanding bat health and infection dynamics. *Proceedings of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences*, 291(2018):20232823. DOI: [10.1098/rspb.2023.2823](https://doi.org/10.1098/rspb.2023.2823)
18. **Lunn, T.J.**, R.T. Jackson*, P.W. Webala, J. Ogola, K.M. Forbes (2024). Kenyan free-tailed bats demonstrate seasonal birth pulse asynchrony with implications for virus maintenance. *EcoHealth*. DOI: [10.1007/s10393-024-01674-x](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10393-024-01674-x)
17. Jackson*, R.T., P.W. Webala, J.G. Ogola, **T.J. Lunn**, K.M. Forbes (2023). Roost selection by synanthropic bats in rural Kenya: implications for human-wildlife conflict and zoonotic pathogen spillover. *Royal Society Open Science*, 10: 230578. DOI: [10.1098/rsos.230578](https://doi.org/10.1098/rsos.230578).
16. Ruiz-Aravena, M., C. McKee, A. Gamble, **T.J. Lunn**, A. Morris, C.E. Snedden, C.K. Yinda, J.R. Port, D.W. Buchholz, Y.Y. Yeo, C. Faust, E. Jax, L. Dee, D. Jones, M. Kessler, C. Falvo, D. Crowley, N. Bharti, C.E. Brook, H.C. Aguilar, A.J. Peel, O. Restif, T. Schountz, C.R. Parrish, E.S. Gurley, J.O. Lloyd-Smith, P. Hudson, V.J. Munster, R.K. Plowright (2022). Ecology, evolution, and spillover of coronaviruses from bats. *Nature Reviews Microbiology*, 20:299-314. DOI: [10.1038/s41579-021-00652-2](https://doi.org/10.1038/s41579-021-00652-2).
15. Peel, A.J., K.C. Yinda, E.J. Annand, A.S. Dale, P. Eby, J. Eden, D.N. Jones, M.K. Kessler, **T.J. Lunn**, T. Pearson, J.E. Schulz, I.L. Smith, V.J. Munster, R.K. Plowright, Bat One Health Group (2022). Novel Hendra virus variant circulating in black flying foxes and grey-headed flying foxes, Australia. *Emerging Infectious Diseases*, 28(5):1043-1047. DOI: [10.3201/eid2805.212338](https://doi.org/10.3201/eid2805.212338).
14. **Lunn, T.J.**, J.C. Buettel, S.C. Nicol, B.W. Brook (2022). Population modelling of the Tasmanian Echidna (*Tachyglossus aculeatus*). *Australian Journal of Zoology*, 69(3): 80–91. DOI: [10.1071/ZO21037](https://doi.org/10.1071/ZO21037).
13. Hansen, D., B.E. Hunt, C.A. Falvo, M. Ruiz-Aravena, M.K. Kessler, J. Hall, P. Thompson, K. Rose, D.N. Jones, **T.J. Lunn**, A.S. Dale, A.J. Peel, R.K. Plowright (2022). Morphological and quantitative analysis of leukocytes in free-living Australian black flying foxes (*Pteropus alecto*). *PLoS ONE*, 17(5): e0268549. DOI: [10.1371/journal.pone.0268549](https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0268549).
12. **Lunn, T.J.**, A.J. Peel, H. McCallum, P. Eby, M.K. Kessler, R.K. Plowright, O. Restif (2021). Spatial dynamics of pathogen transmission in communally roosting species: impacts of changing habitats on bat-virus dynamics. *Journal of Animal Ecology*, 90:2609–2622. DOI: [10.1111/1365-2656.13566](https://doi.org/10.1111/1365-2656.13566). **[Shortlisted for the 2022 Elton Award]**.
11. **Lunn, T.J.**, A.J. Peel, P. Eby, R. Brooks*, R.K. Plowright, M.K. Kessler, H. McCallum (2021). Counterintuitive scaling between population abundance and local density: implications for modelling transmission of infectious diseases in bat populations. *Journal of Animal Ecology*, 91:916-932. DOI: [10.1111/1365-2656.13634](https://doi.org/10.1111/1365-2656.13634).
10. **Lunn, T.J.**, P. Eby, R. Brooks*, H. McCallum, R.K. Plowright, M.K. Kessler, A.J. Peel (2021). Conventional wisdom on roosting behaviour of Australian flying foxes – a critical review, and evaluation using new data. *Ecology and Evolution*, 11:13532–13558. DOI: [10.1002/ece3.8079](https://doi.org/10.1002/ece3.8079).
9. Carver, S., **T. Lunn** (2020). When are pathogen dynamics likely to reflect host population genetic structure? *Molecular Ecology*, 29(5): 859-861. DOI: [10.1111/mec.15379](https://doi.org/10.1111/mec.15379).
8. **Lunn, T.J.**, O. Restif, A.J. Peel, V.J. Munster, E. de Wit, S. Sokolow, N. van Doremalen, P. Hudson, H. McCallum (2019). Dose-response and transmission: the nexus between reservoir hosts, environment, and recipient hosts. *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B*, 374(1782): 20190016. DOI: [10.1098/rstb.2019.0016](https://doi.org/10.1098/rstb.2019.0016).
7. Becker, D.J., G.F. Albery, M.K. Kessler, **T.J. Lunn**, C.A. Falvo, G.Á. Cziráj, L.B. Martin, R.K. Plowright (2019). Macroimmunology: the drivers and consequences of spatial patterns in wildlife immune defense. *Journal of Animal Ecology*, 89(4): 972-995. DOI: [10.1111/1365-2656.13166](https://doi.org/10.1111/1365-2656.13166). **[Winner of the 2020 Sidnie Manton Award]**.
6. Kessler, M.K., D.J. Becker, A.J. Peel, N.V. Justice, **T. Lunn**, D.E. Crowley, D.N. Jones, P. Eby, C.A. Sanchez, R.K. Plowright (2018). Changing resource landscapes and spillover of henipaviruses. *Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences*, 1429(1):78-99. DOI: [10.1111/nyas.13910](https://doi.org/10.1111/nyas.13910).
5. **Lunn, T.**, M. Gerwin*, J. Buettel, B. Brook (2018). Impact of intense disturbance on the structure and composition of wet-eucalypt forests: A case study from the Tasmanian 2016 wildfires. *PLoS ONE*, 13(7): e0200905. DOI: [10.1371/journal.pone.0200905](https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0200905).

4. **Lunn, T.**, S. Munks, S. Carver (2017). Impacts of timber harvest on stream biota – an expanding field of heterogeneity. *Biological Conservation*, 213:154-166. DOI: [10.1016/j.biocon.2017.06.025](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.biocon.2017.06.025).
3. Peel, A., P. Eby, M. Kessler, **T. Lunn**, A. Breed, R. Plowright (2017). Hendra virus spillover risk in horses: heightened vigilance and precautions being urged this winter. *Australian Veterinary Journal*, 95(7):20-21. DOI: [10.1111/avj.197](https://doi.org/10.1111/avj.197).
2. **Lunn, T.**, J. Macgregor, S. Munks, S. Carver (2016). *Dermatophilus congolensis* infection in platypus (*Ornithorhynchus anatinus*), Tasmania, Australia, 2015. *Journal of Wildlife Diseases*, 52(4): 965-967. DOI: [10.7589/2016-02-030R](https://doi.org/10.7589/2016-02-030R).
1. Carver, S., S. N. Bevins, M. R. Lappin, E. E. Boydston, L. M. Lyren, M. Alldredge, K. A. Logan, L. L. Sweanor, S. P. D. Riley, L. E. K. Serieys, R. N. Fisher, T. W. Vickers, W. Boyce, R. McBride, M. C. Cunningham, M. Jennings, J. Lewis, **T. Lunn**, K. R. Crooks, and S. VandeWoude (2016). Pathogen exposure varies widely among sympatric populations of wild and domestic felids across the United States. *Ecological Applications*, 26(2):367-381. DOI: [10.1890/15-0445](https://doi.org/10.1890/15-0445).

Manuscripts in review or revision for publication (preprints available on request)

28. **Lunn, T.J.**, B. Borremans, D.N. Jones, M.K. Kessler, A.S. Dale, K.C. Yinda, M. Ruiz-Aravena, C.A. Falvo, D. Crowley, J. O. Lloyd-Smith, V.J. Munster, P. Eby, H. McCallum, P. Hudson, O. Restif, L.P. McGuire, I.L. Smith, Bat One Health Group, R.K. Plowright, A.J. Peel (in review). Periodic shifts in viral load increase risk of spillover from bats. *The Lancet Public Health*.
27. Peel, A.J., M. Ruiz-Aravena, K. Kim, B. Scherting, C.A. Falvo, D. Crowley, V.J. Munster, E. Annand, K. Plain, D. Jones, **T.J. Lunn**, A. Dale, A. Hoegh, J-S Eden, R.K. Plowright (in review). Synchronized seasonal excretion of multiple coronaviruses in Australian *Pteropus* spp is associated with co-infections in juvenile and sub-adult bats. *Nature Communications*.
26. Ogola, J., H. Alburkat, T. Smura, L. Kareinen, R. Kant, E.M. Korhonen, **T.J. Lunn**, M. Masika, P.W. Webala, P. Nyaga, O. Anzala, O. Vapalahti, K.M. Forbes, T.A. Sironen (in review). Detection and genetic characterization of alphacoronaviruses in co-roosting bat species, southeastern Kenya. *PLOS Neglected Tropical Diseases*.
25. Crowley, D., C.A. Falvo, C.K. Grant, **T.J. Lunn**, D.N. Jones, T. Bushmaker, A.S. Dale, E. Benson, B. Borremans, D. Becker, C.D. McKee, Y.T Yu, M. Ruiz-Aravena, E. Laing, C. Broder, S. Sterling, M. Michie, I. Smith, L.B. Goodman, V.J. Munster, Bat One Health Team, A. Apple, A.J. Peel, R.K. Plowright (in review). Cohorts of immature *Pteropus* bats show interannual variation in Hendra virus serology. *Journal of Animal Ecology*.
24. Jackson, R.T.*, **T. Lunn**, N. Mull, M. McClung, K. Forbes (in review). Global patterns of reported human-wildlife interactions in areas of land-use change. *Global Change Biology*.

Selected Conference Presentations and Posters

Conference presentations

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| 2024 | Periodic shifts in viral load increase risk of spillover from bats. <i>Hendra@30 Henipavirus International Conference</i> , Geelong, Australia. [Invited speaker] |
| 2024 | Modern Homes, Unexpected Guests: Meeting Kenya's Free-Tailed Bats. <i>Georgia Bat Working Group Meeting</i> , Columbus, United States |
| 2023 | Ecology of ebolavirus (Bambali virus) in Kenyan molossid bats. <i>Annual Review Meeting 2023 University of Nairobi STD/HIV/SRH Collaborative Research Group</i> , Nairobi, Kenya. |
| 2022 | Henipavirus Dynamics and Transmission in <i>Pteropus</i> Bats. <i>19th International Bat Research Conference / 50th Annual North American Symposium on Bat Research</i> , Austin, TX, United States. [Invited speaker] |
| 2021 | Review and evaluation of conventional wisdom on the roosting of flying foxes. <i>6th Annual National Flying-fox Forum</i> , online |
| 2021 | Spatial dynamics of pathogen transmission in communally roosting <i>Pteropodids</i> : implications for bat-virus dynamics under Anthropogenically induced ecological change. <i>6th International Berlin Bat Meeting</i> , online |

- 2020 Spatial dynamics of pathogen transmission in communally roosting species: Hendra virus dynamics within flying-fox roosts. *Griffith University - Modelling Spatial Data Symposium*, Brisbane, Australia
- 2019 Bats, disease, and dynamic densities: Investigating community structure as a driver of viral dynamics in flying-foxes. *International Bat Research Conference*, Phuket, Thailand. **[Invited speaker]**
- 2019 Interactions between land use change, Pteropodid (flying-fox) ecology and Hendra virus dynamics in Australia. *British Ecological Society Annual Conference*, Belfast, Northern Ireland
- 2019 Interactions between land use change, flying-fox ecology and Hendra virus dynamics in Australia. *Annual Public Health@Cambridge Network Showcase 2019: Planetary Health*, Cambridge, England
- 2017 Flying-fox ecology and the dynamics of Hendra virus. *One Health Day*, Griffith University, Australia

Conference posters

- 2022 Ecology of ebolavirus (Bombali virus) in Kenyan molossid bats. *Ecology and Evolution of Infectious Diseases conference*, Atlanta, GA, United States
- 2018 Community structure and viral dynamics in flying-fox roosts: tackling non-linearity and heterogeneity in a dynamic system. *Wildlife Disease Association Australasian Conference*, Bali, Indonesia
- 2018 Community structure and viral dynamics in flying-fox roosts: tackling non-linearity and heterogeneity in a dynamic system. *Ecological Society of Australia*, Brisbane, Australia

Contributed talks/posters (incomplete)

- 2024 Neglecting an itch – emphasising the role of ectoparasites in microbial community ecology. *72nd Annual Wildlife Disease Association Conference*, Canberra, ACT, Australia
- 2024 No evidence of physiological stress in bats that share houses with humans. *Ecology and Evolution of Infectious Diseases (EEID) Conference*, Palo Alto, CA, United States [Poster]
- 2022 Temporal dynamics of coronavirus circulation in Australian Pteropus bat reservoirs. *Joint UK-ICN/CSIRO Cutting Edge Virtual Symposium on Coronaviruses with "Disease X" Potential*, online
- 2022 Estimating the spatiotemporal drivers of Hendra virus spillover in Australian flying foxes [Poster]
- 2022 Diversity of black flying fox gastrointestinal microbiome is positively associated with inflammation. *19th International Bat Research Conference / 50th Annual North American Symposium on Bat Research*, Austin, TX, United States
- 2022 Building roost selection by synanthropic bats in rural southeastern Kenya. *19th International Bat Research Conference / 50th Annual North American Symposium on Bat Research*, Austin, TX, United States
- 2021 Flying-fox foraging behavior and spillover of Hendra virus. *6th International Berlin Bat Meeting*, online
- 2018 Ectoparasite and endoparasite burdens of two sympatric flying fox species in Australia: implications for Hendra virus infection. *Wildlife Disease Association Australasian Conference*, Bali, Indonesia [Poster]
- 2018 Consumption of marginal diet plants by flying foxes associated with Hendra virus spillover. *Wildlife Disease Association Australasian Conference*, Bali, Indonesia [Poster]
- 2017 Platypuses and land-use practices: Catchment-scale studies provide some insight into the effect of forestry and agriculture. *International Mammalogical Congress*, Perth, Australia

Invited Presentations and Departmental Seminars

Honorariums

2022 Hendra virus dynamics and transmission in flying-foxes. *University of Montana Western*, Dillon, MT, United States

Other

2023 Periodic shifts in viral load increase risk of spillover from bats. *Center for the Ecology of Infectious Diseases, University of Georgia*, Athens GA, United States.

2023 Landscapes of risk: causes and consequences of bat-human interaction in Australia and Kenya. *Zoological Society of London*, London, England

2022 Preventing spillover of bat pathogens in high-risk global hotspots. *Odum School of Ecology, University of Georgia*, Athens GA, United States.

2021 Review and evaluation of conventional wisdom on the roosting of flying foxes. *Griffith University - Centre for Planetary Health and Food Security Seminar Series*, Brisbane, Australia

2020 Interactions between land use change, Pteropodid (flying-fox) ecology and Hendra virus dynamics in Australia. *Department of Veterinary Medicine, University of Cambridge*, Cambridge, England

2019 Investigating the dynamics of bat-borne diseases, with particular emphasis on Henipaviruses in flying foxes (fruit bats). *Rocky Mountain Laboratories*, Hamilton MO, United States

2019 Investigating the dynamics of bat-borne diseases, with particular emphasis on Henipaviruses in flying foxes (fruit bats). *University of Tasmania*, Sandy Bay, Australia

2016 Effectiveness of stream management for maintaining platypus (*Ornithorhynchus anatinus*) populations in headwaters. *Research update for the Forest Practices Authority (Monitoring the Effectiveness of the Biodiversity Provisions of the Tasmanian Forest Practices Code)*.

Professional Service and Training

Service to professional societies

Manuscript reviewer: Nature Communications (3), Biological Conservation (2), Journal of Wildlife Diseases (2), Behavioral Ecology and Sociobiology (2), Science of the Total Environment (1), Pathogens and Global Health (1), Proceedings of the Royal Society B (2), PLOS One (2), Frontiers in Ecology and Evolution (2), Journal of Zoology (1), Royal Society Open Science (1), Ecology and Evolution (1), Bioscience (1)

Grant reviewer: BES Review College (2023, 2024), NSF CAREER (2024), NSF GRFP (2024)

Memberships: Wildlife Diseases Association, British Ecological Society, Australian Bat Society, Global South Bats

Service within UGA

Standing committees

2024– Graduate Program Committee

2024– Center for the Ecology of Infectious Diseases (CEID) Advisory Committee

Ad hoc

2024– Co-administrator, Viral Traits and Infectious Disease Emergence, September 9, 2024–September 10, 2024, Athens, United States

Science Communication, Outreach, and Engagement

Media coverage

[2024](#) The Hidden Disease Risks of Modern Housing Development in Rural Africa, University of Arkansas News, November 19 2024

Student, family, and emeritus engagement

2024 Speaker, Family Day, Odum School of Ecology, University of Georgia
2024 Speaker, UGA Alumni Board meeting, Odum School of Ecology, University of Georgia
2024 Speaker, Emeritus Faculty Luncheon, Odum School of Ecology, University of Georgia

Public talks

2019 The curious world of bats & their researchers. *Pint of Science*, Brisbane, Australia

Community engagement

2023 *Wildlife Warrior Club, Maktau Secondary School*, Taita-Taveta county, Kenya
2023 *Taita Taveta Wildlife Club of Kenya Action group*, Taita-Taveta county, Kenya
2022 *Sagalla International Talent Academy*, Taita-Taveta county, Kenya

Articles & blogs

2021 Effects of changing habitats on bat-virus dynamics. *Animal Ecology in Focus*. [Link](#)
2022 EEID 2022 in Review. *British Ecological Society Parasites and Pathogens newsletter*. [Link](#)

Popular Tweets

[February 2022](#) 7.44K likes; 1.2K retweets; 75 comments; 333K impressions; 33.45K engagements (Twitter). 5.7K likes; 464 shares, 229 comments (Facebook)
[April 2022](#) 2.27K likes; 271 retweets; 23 comments; 56.5K impressions; 3.58K engagements
[April 2022](#) 1.91K likes; 254 retweets; 29 comments; 66.16K impressions; 3.85K engagements
[April 2022](#) 1.26K likes; 166 retweets; 39 comments; 46.33K impressions; 2.62K engagements
[April 2022](#) 905 likes; 86 retweets; 14 comments; 34K impressions; 2.43K engagements

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