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### Professional Experience & Education

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- 2024 – pres. **Assistant Professor**, Washington State University, Pullman, WA 99164
- 2024 – pres. **Director, Conner Museum of Vertebrates**, Washington State University, Pullman, WA 99164
- 2022 – 2024 Postdoctoral Researcher, Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, Blacksburg, VA 24061  
Mentor: Josef C. Uyeda
- 2022 Ph.D. Population Biology, University of California, Davis, CA 95616  
Major professor: Peter C. Wainwright  
Committee: Michael Turelli, Stacey A. Combes
- 2016 B.Sc. Biological Sciences, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14850  
*cum laude*, with Distinction in Research  
Honors thesis advisor: William E. Bemis
- 2013 A.A. Bard College at Simon's Rock, Great Barrington, MA 01230  
Advisor: Patty Dooley  
Acceleration to Excellence Scholar

### Peer-Reviewed Publications

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\* Authors contributed equally to this work

14. Roberts-Hughis, A.S., C.M. Martinez, **K.A. Corn**, P.C. Wainwright. A classic key innovation constrains oral jaw functional diversification in fishes. *accepted at Evolution Letters*.
13. Martinez, C.M.\*, **Corn, K.A.\***, S. Williamson, D.R. Satterfield, A.S. Roberts-Hughis, A.J. Barley, S.R. Borstein, M.D. McGee, P.C. Wainwright. Replaying the tape of functional evolution across cichlid adaptive radiations. *in press at The American Naturalist*.
12. Burns, M.D., S.T. Friedman, **K.A. Corn**, O. Larouche, S.A. Price, P.C. Wainwright, E.D. Burress. High latitude ocean habitats are a crucible of fish body shape diversification. *in press at Evolution Letters*.

11. **Corn, K.A.**, S.T. Friedman, E.D. Burrell, C.M. Martinez, O. Larouche, S.A. Price, P.C. Wainwright. 2022. The rise of biting during the Cenozoic fueled reef fish body shape diversification. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 119 (31) e2119828119.
10. Price, S.A., S.T. Friedman, **K.A. Corn**, O. Larouche, K. Brockelsby, A.J. Lee, M. Nagaraj, N. Bertrand, M. Danao, J.R. Estrada, R. Friedman, M. Iwan, D. Gross, B. Landry, M.J. Linares, J.R. Nguyen, A.J. Proffitt, S. Rodriguez, M.R. Rupp, V. Susman, A.J. Tovar, L.L.J. Vary, K.L. Zapfe, & P.C. Wainwright. 2022. FishShapes v1: functionally relevant measurements of teleost shape and size on three dimensions. *Ecology*, e3829.
9. Martinez, C.M., S.T. Friedman, **K.A. Corn**, O. Larouche, S.A. Price, P.C. Wainwright. 2021. The deep sea is a hot spot of fish body shape evolution. *Ecology Letters*, 24, 1788–1799.
8. **Corn, K.A.**, C.M. Martinez, E.D. Burrell, P.C. Wainwright. 2021. A multifunction trade-off has contrasting effects on the evolution of form and function. *Systematic Biology*, 70(4), 681-693.
7. Larouche, O., B. Benton, **K.A. Corn**, S.T. Friedman, D. Gross, M. Iwan, B. Kessler, C.M. Martinez, S. Rodriguez, H. Whelpley, P.C. Wainwright, S.A. Price. 2020. Reef-associated fishes have more maneuverable body shapes at a macroevolutionary scale. *Coral Reefs* 39, 1427–1439.
6. Friedman, S.T., S.A. Price, **K.A. Corn**, O. Larouche, C.M. Martinez, P.C. Wainwright. 2020. Body shape diversification along the benthic-pelagic axis in marine fishes. *Proceedings of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences* 287: 20201053.
5. Price, S.A., O. Larouche, S.T. Friedman, **K.A. Corn**, P.C. Wainwright, C.M. Martinez. 2020. A CURE for a major challenge in phenomics: a practical guide to implementing a quantitative specimen-based undergraduate research experience. *Integrative Organismal Biology*, 2(1), obaa004.
4. Price, S.A., S.T. Friedman, **K.A. Corn**, C.M. Martinez, O. Larouche, P.C. Wainwright. 2019. Building a body shape morphospace of teleostean fishes. *Integrative and Comparative Biology*, 59(3), 716-730. **\*Editor's choice\***
3. Farina, S.C., M.L. Knope, **K.A. Corn**, A.P. Summers, W.E. Bemis. 2019. Functional coupling in the evolution of suction feeding and gill ventilation of sculpins (Perciformes: Cottoidei). *Integrative and Comparative Biology*, 59(2), 394-409.
2. **Corn, K.A.**, S.C. Farina, A.P. Summers, A.C. Gibb. 2018. Effects of organism and substrate size on burial mechanics of English sole, *Parophrys vetulus*. *Journal of Experimental Biology*, 221(18): jeb176131.

1. **Corn, K.A.**, S.C. Farina, J. Brash, A.P. Summers. 2016. Modeling tooth-prey interactions in sharks - the importance of dynamic testing. *Royal Society Open Science* 3: 160141. **\*cover image\***

### Manuscripts in Preparation

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Burns, M.D., D.R. Satterfield, N. Peoples, H. Chan, A.J. Barley, M.L. Yuan, A.S. Roberts-Hughis, K.T. Russell, M. Hess, S.L. Williamson, **K.A. Corn**, M. Mihalitsis, D.K. Wainwright, & P.C. Wainwright. Complexity & Weak Integration Promote the Diversity of Life: Reef Fish Oral Jaw Evolution. *in review at Communications Biology*.

### Fellowships, Grants, & Awards

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2022 *Finalist*, Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology, Dwight Davis Award

2021 – 2022 American Association of University Women Dissertation Fellowship (\$20,000)

2019 – 2022 Achievement Rewards for College Scientists Fellowships (total \$34,446)

2021 *Finalist*, Society of Systematic Biologists, Ernst Mayr Award

2021 UC Davis Graduate Research Award (\$3,000)

2019, 2021 UC Davis Center for Population Biology Travel Awards (total \$2,677)

2021 Society for Integrative & Comparative Biology Grant-in-aid of research (\$1,000)

2020 UC Davis DataLab Election Data Challenge winner

2018, 2020 UC Davis Center for Population Biology Research Awards (total: \$2,700)

2020 XSEDE Computational Resources Allocation (\$1,835.50)

2020 **Winner**, Society for Integrative & Comparative Biology, David & Marvalee Wake Award

2019 UC Davis Graduate Student Association Travel Award (\$500)

2018 *Honorable mention*, National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship

2015, 2016 Cornell University Office of Undergraduate Biology Travel Awards (total \$1,000)

2015 Cornell University Department of Ecology & Evolutionary Biology Symposium, Sigma Xi Best Undergraduate Poster Prize

2015 NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates internship (\$4,000)

2015 Dextra Undergraduate Research Endowment Fund (\$1,000)

2015 Brooks and Suzanne Ragen Endowed Scholarship (\$2,000) (*declined*)

2014 Stephen and Ruth Wainwright Endowed Fellowship (\$1,000)

2011-2013 Bard College at Simon's Rock, Acceleration to Excellence Scholarship

## Teaching Experience

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### Instructor

- 2019 Phylogenetic Analysis of Vertebrate Structure  
UC Davis – Graduate Teaching Assistant & **Lab Instructor** – 1 quarter  
**Overall evaluation: 4.9/5.0**, n = 24 students
- 2017 – 2018 Biodiversity of Fishes: Methods and Experimental Design in Macroevolution  
UC Davis – **Course Instructor** – 3 quarters  
Biodiversity of Fishes II: Hypothesis Development in Macroevolution  
Biodiversity of Fishes III: Data Analysis in Macroevolution  
Biodiversity of Fishes IV: Research Communication

### Teaching Assistantships

- 2021 Phylogenetic Analysis of Vertebrate Structure  
UC Davis – Graduate Teaching Assistant & Virtual Lab Instructor – 1 quarter  
**Overall TA evaluation: 4.9/5.0**, n = 14 students
- 2020 Life in the Sea  
UC Davis – Graduate Teaching Assistant – 1 quarter  
**Overall TA evaluation: 4.7/5.0**, n = 45 students
- 2017 – 2018 Introduction to Biological Sciences: Principles of Ecology and Evolution  
UC Davis – Graduate Teaching Assistant – 2 quarters  
**Overall TA evaluation: 4.9/5.0**, n = 98 students
- 2016 Vertebrates: Structure, Function, & Evolution  
Cornell University – Undergraduate Teaching Assistant – 1 semester
- 2015 Introduction to Oceanography  
Cornell University – Undergraduate Teaching Assistant – 1 semester

### Statistics Workshops

- 2024 Minorities in Shark Science Summit  
Workshop Co-leader – Introduction to Statistics in R (co-led with Marguerite Butler, Stacy Farina, Jennifer Hodge, and Samantha Price)
- 2020 Functional Morphology & Ecology of Fishes, Friday Harbor Laboratories  
Guest Lecturer – Introduction to Phylogenetic Comparative Methods  
Workshop Co-leader – Comparative Methods in R (co-led with Hannah Weller)

2019 - 2020 HBCU Ecology and Evolution Graduate Admissions Pathway, UC Davis  
Teaching Assistant – Introduction to Statistics in R

## Professional Presentations

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### Invited Presentations

- 2024 3<sup>rd</sup> Joint Congress on Evolutionary Biology. Symposium: *Connecting micro- and macroevolution of form and function relationships*. Montréal, QC, Canada. *upcoming*.
- 2023 George Washington University, Department of Biology. Washington, D.C.  
*\*graduate student invited speaker*
- 2023 Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, Department of Biology. Blacksburg, VA.
- 2023 International Congress of Vertebrate Morphology. Symposium: *The morphology of coral reef fishes: functional, ecological, and evolutionary implications*. Cairns, Australia.
- 2023 Clemson University, Department of Biological Sciences. Clemson, SC.
- 2022 Washington State University, School of Biological Sciences. Pullman, WA.
- 2022 University of California, Davis, Center for Population Biology. Davis, CA.
- 2020 University of California, Davis, Webinar: *DataLab California 2020 Election Challenge Finale*. Davis, CA.
- 2019 University of California, Davis, Center for Population Biology. Davis, CA.
- 2017 Sonoma State University, Department of Biology. Petaluma, CA.

### Contributed Presentations

- 2024 Society for Integrative & Comparative Biology. Seattle, WA.
- 2023 Society for Integrative & Comparative Biology Southeast Regional Meeting. Blacksburg, VA.
- 2023 Society of Systematic Biologists. Mexico City, MX.
- 2022 Society for Integrative & Comparative Biology, virtual conference.  
*Finalist, Dwight Davis Award for Outstanding Student Talk in the Division of Vertebrate Morphology*
- 2021 Evolution, virtual conference.  
*Finalist, Ernst Mayr Award for Outstanding Student Talk in the Society of Systematic Biologists*
- 2021 Society for Integrative & Comparative Biology, virtual conference.

- 2020 Society for Integrative & Comparative Biology, Austin, TX.  
*Winner, David & Marvalee Wake Award for Outstanding Student Talk in the Division of Phylogenetics & Comparative Biology*
- 2019 Society for Integrative & Comparative Biology, Tampa, FL.
- 2017 Society for Integrative & Comparative Biology. New Orleans, LA.
- 2016 Ecology & Evolutionary Biology Undergraduate Honors Thesis Symposium, Cornell University. Ithaca, NY.
- 2016 Society for Integrative & Comparative Biology. Portland, OR.

### Poster Presentations

- 2022 Achievement Rewards for College Scientists Foundation, Northern California Chapter. San Francisco, CA.
- 2016 International Congress of Vertebrate Morphology, Washington, DC. Poster.
- 2015 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Cornell University Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Graduate Symposium, Ithaca, NY.  
*Winner, Sigma Xi Undergraduate Poster Prize*
- 2015 Cornell Undergraduate Research Board Spring Forum. Ithaca, NY.
- 2015 Cornell Institute of Biological Engineering BioExpo. Ithaca, NY.
- 2015 Society for Integrative & Comparative Biology. West Palm Beach, FL.

### Professional Training

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- 2024 Phylogenetic Biogeography in RevBayes – Washington University at St. Louis  
 Michael Landis, Felipe Zapata, Isaac Lichter Marck, Fábio Mendes, & Sarah Swiston
- 2021 Introduction to Remote Computing – UC Davis DataLab  
 C. Titus Brown
- 2019 Evolutionary Quantitative Genetics – Friday Harbor Marine Laboratories  
 Joseph Felsenstein & Stevan J. Arnold
- 2014 Functional Morphology & Ecology of Fishes – Friday Harbor Marine Laboratories  
 Adam P. Summers & E.W. “Misty” Paig-Train

### Mentorship

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#### Graduate Student Mentorship

- 2024 – pres. Clay Pollock. Masters’ student in Biology, WSU

2024 – pres. Jack Stack. PhD Candidate in Paleobiology, Virginia Tech

### Graduate Student Committees

2024 – pres. Destiny Brokaw. PhD Candidate in Biology, WSU

### Professional Activities

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2024 – pres. Administration team, Evolution Tree ([academic-tree.org](https://academic-tree.org)), a community-sourced, interdisciplinary academic genealogy

### Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

2023 – pres. Friend of Minorities in Shark Sciences (MISS)

2021 – 2022 Population Biology Diversity Committee Representative to Evolution & Ecology Seminar Committee at UC Davis

2020 – 2021 **Co-founder, Ecology & Evolution Graduate School Preview Program**

Executive board, logistics co-coordinator (2020)

Presenter – *Finding a Good Fit* programming (2020-2021)

2019 – 2020 Women in Life Sciences at Davis Administrative Team

2019 – 2020 R teaching assistant, HBCU Ecology & Evolution Graduate Admissions Pathways, University of California, Davis

2016 – 2022 **Founding member, Population Biology Student Diversity Committee**

Coordinator, Winter 2019

### Journal Refereeing

Biological Journal of the  
Linnean Society

Biology Letters

Ecology & Evolution

Environmental Biology of  
Fishes

Evolution

Integrative & Comparative

Biology

Journal of Evolutionary

Biology

Journal of Fish Biology

Journal of Mammalogy

Journal of Morphology

Methods in Ecology &

Evolution

Proceedings of the Royal

Society B

### Grant Refereeing

National Science Foundation (*ad hoc reviewer*) – Icelandic Centre for Research (*external reviewer*)

### **Society Membership**

International Society of Vertebrate Morphology – Society for Integrative & Comparative Biology – Society of Systematic Biologists – PADI Divemaster

### **Society Service**

- 2023 – pres. Student & Postdoctoral Affairs Committee Representative, Division of Phylogenetics and Comparative Biology, Society for Integrative & Comparative Biology  
*Acting Co-Chair with Andrew Schulz, 2024 Annual Meeting*
- 2021 Research methods advisor, Ask-An-Expert Booth, Division of Phylogenetics and Comparative Biology at annual meetings of Society for Integrative & Comparative Biology
- 2021 Co-organizer: Job hunting tips and tricks: A panel discussion on finding a faculty position in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology workshop, annual meeting of Society for Integrative & Comparative Biology *with Elska Kaczmarek*
- 2020 – 2021 Committee for Remote Social and Networking Events, annual meeting of Society for Integrative & Comparative Biology
- 2019 Social Media Ambassador for symposium: "*Multifunctional structures and multistructural functions: Functional coupling and integration in the evolution of biomechanical systems*" at the annual meeting of Society for Integrative & Comparative Biology

### **Graduate Student Representation**

- 2019 – 2020 Population Biology Graduate Group Admissions Committee
- 2019 – 2020 Population Biology Graduate Group Curriculum Committee
- 2017 – 2018 UC Davis Academic Senate Distinguished Teaching Awards Committee
- 2017 – 2018 Population Biology Graduate Group Representative to UC Davis Graduate Student Association

### **Community Engagement and Outreach**

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#### **Public Exhibitor**

- 2017 – 2022 Station Leader and presenter – UC Davis Annual Picnic Day "Explore the Tree of Life" exhibit, fish section



**Best “Secrets of Nature” Exhibit Award (2017)**

**Best “Planet Earth” Exhibit Award (2019)**

2017 – 2020 Exhibitor – UC Davis Annual Museum Biodiversity Day, fish exhibit

2015 Speaker – Cornell Office of Undergraduate Biology research outreach

**K-12 Activity Leadership**

2020 STEM Squad Fish Dissection Lead at Winters Middle School

2015 – 2016 Facilitator – Expanding Your Horizons STEM Conference – Marine Biology

**Media Coverage**

2022 UC Davis News. “[Reef fish evolution driven by recent evolution of biting.](#)”

2015 Science Magazine. “[A chainsaw spiked with shark teeth.](#)”

2015 Popular Science. “[Watch a power saw made with shark teeth slice through salmon.](#)”

Interviewed for commentary by [Defector](#)

**References**

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