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EDUCATION

- 2007 Ph.D., Biology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Advisor: Joel Kingsolver
Thesis: Life history evolution in seasonal environments: phenological and environmental determinants of thermal adaptation in *Wyeomyia smithii*
- 2001 M.S., Biology, Washington State University
Advisor: Patrick Carter
Thesis: Quantitative genetic analysis of growth trajectories and metamorphic traits in *Ambystoma macrodactylum columbianum*
- 1997 B.A., Marine Science, University of San Diego, *magna cum laude*

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2016 – Assistant Professor, Department of Integrative Biology, University of Colorado, Denver
- 2014 – 2016 Assistant Professor, Department of Entomology, Kansas State University
- 2011 – 2014 Research Assistant Professor, Department of Biology & Environmental Change Initiative, University of Notre Dame
- 2007 – 2011 Postdoctoral Associate, Department of Entomology and Nematology, University of Florida

AWARDS AND FUNDING

- 2016 \$14K, NSF IOS: Meeting: Evolutionary Impacts of Seasonality; a Symposium for the Annual Meeting of SICB, New Orleans, LA, Jan 4-8 2017. PIs **Ragland** and Williams.
- 2016 \$2 million total, \$471K to GJR. NSF DEB: Dimensions: Collaborative Research: Time after Time: Adaptive Seasonal Timing Drives the Sequential Origin of Community Biodiversity. PIs Feder, **Ragland**, and Hahn.
- 2014 \$460K, USDA NIFA: Rapid Diagnostics for Cryptic Insect Pests: An Integrative Test Case using the Apple Maggot Fly. **Ragland** Co-PI with Feder, Egan, Linn and Schwarz .

- 2014 €345K, Austrian Science Fund (FWF): Diapause behaviour of the eight spined spruce bark beetle. **Ragland** international collaborator with Christian Stauffer (BOKU, Vienna) PI.
- 2013 \$900K total, \$536K to GJR. NSF IOS: Collaborative research: testing for functional and genetic independence of rapidly evolving lifecycle components. **Ragland** lead PI, with Egan, Feder and Hahn.
- 2013 \$100K, Notre Dame Environmental Change Initiative: Development and deployment of genotyping by sequencing approaches in ecology and conservation biology. **Ragland** Co-PI with Feder and Egan.
- 2012 Notre Dame Office of Research FRSP: Testing the effects of warming winters on *Colias* overwintering physiology and fitness, \$9,910
- 2012 Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory Research Fellowship, \$800.
- 2006 Wilson Award, UNC Biology, \$500
- 2004 Sigma Xi Grant-in-Aid of Research, \$1000
- 2004 Graduate Mentor Grant, UNC Office of Undergraduate Research, \$1000
- 1998 Abelson Fellowship, Washington State University, \$3,000
- 1993 – 1997 Presidential Scholarship, University of San Diego, (tuition)

PUBLICATIONS

21. Meyers PJ, THQ Powell, KKO Walden, AJ Schieferecke, JL Feder, DA Hahn, HM Robertson, SH Berlocher, and **GJ Ragland**. 2016. Divergence of the diapause transcriptome in apple maggot flies: winter regulation and post-winter transcriptional repression. *Journal of Experimental Biology* 219.17: 2613-2622.
20. Egan, SP*, **GJ Ragland***, L Assour, THQ. Powell, GR Hood, S Emrich, P Nosil and JL Feder. 2015. Experimental evidence of genome-wide impact of ecological selection during early stages of speciation-with-gene-flow. *Ecology Letters* 18: 817-825.
* Equal contribution *Faculty of 1000 recommended read*
19. **Ragland, GJ**, K Almskaar, KL Vertacnik, HM Gough, JL Feder, DA Hahn and D Schwarz. 2015. Differences in performance and transcriptome-wide gene expression associated with *Rhagoletis* (Diptera: Tephritidae) larvae feeding in alternate host fruit environments. *Molecular Ecology*, 24: 2759-2776.
18. Reidenbach, K, D Neafsey, C Costantini, N Sagnon, F Simard, **G Ragland**, S Egan, J Feder, M Muskavitch, and N Besansky. 2012. Patterns of genomic differentiation between ecologically differentiated M and S forms of *Anopheles gambiae* in West and Central Africa. *Genome Biology and Evolution* 4: 1202-1212.
17. **Ragland, GJ**, S Goudarzi, S Sim, JL Feder, and DA Hahn. 2012. Environmental interactions during host race formation: host fruit environment moderates a seasonal shift in phenology in host races of *Rhagoletis pomonella*. *Functional Ecology* 26: 921–931.
16. Teets, NM, JT Peyton, **GJ Ragland**, H Colinet, D Renault, DA Hahn, and DL Denlinger. 2012. Combined transcriptomic and metabolomic approach uncovers molecular mechanisms of cold tolerance in a temperate flesh fly. *Physiological Genomics* 44: 764–777. *Faculty of 1000 recommended read*

15. **Ragland, GJ**, SP Egan, JL Feder, SH Berlocher, and DA Hahn. 2011. Developmental trajectories of gene expression reveal candidates for diapause termination, a key life history transition in the apple maggot fly, *Rhagoletis pomonella*. *Journal of Experimental Biology* 214: 3948-3960. *in *InsideJEB*: <http://jeb.biologists.org/content/214/23/ji> *
14. **Ragland, GJ**, DL Denlinger, and DA Hahn. 2010. Mechanisms of suspended animation are revealed by transcript profiling of diapause in the flesh fly. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 107: 14909-14.
13. D. Schwarz, HR Robertson, JL Feder, M Hudson, **GJ Ragland**, DA Hahn, and SH Berlocher. 2009. Sympatric ecological speciation meets pyrosequencing: sampling the transcriptome of the apple maggot *Rhagoletis pomonella*. *BMC Genomics* 10:633.
12. Hahn, DA, **GJ Ragland**, DD Shoemaker and DL Denlinger. 2009. Gene discovery using massively parallel pyrosequencing to develop ESTs for the flesh fly *Sarcophaga crassipalpis*. *BMC Genomics* 10: 234.
11. **Ragland, GJ**, J Fuller, JL Feder, and DA Hahn. 2009. Biphasic metabolic rate trajectory of pupal diapause termination and post-diapause development in a tephritid fly. *Journal of Insect Physiology* 55: 344–350.
10. Kingsolver, JG, **GJ Ragland**, and SE Diamond. 2009. Evolution in a constant environment: thermal fluctuations and thermal sensitivity of laboratory and field populations of *Manduca sexta*. *Evolution* 63: 537-541.
9. **Ragland, GJ** and JG Kingsolver. 2008. Evolution of thermotolerance in seasonal environments: the effects of annual temperature variation and life history timing in *Wyeomyia smithii*. *Evolution* 62: 1345-1357. *Faculty of 1000 recommended read*
8. **Ragland, GJ** and JG Kingsolver. 2008. The effect of fluctuating temperatures on ectotherm life history traits: comparisons among geographic populations of *Wyeomyia smithii*. *Evolutionary Ecology Research* 10: 29 – 44.
7. **Ragland, GJ** and JG Kingsolver. 2007. Influence of seasonal timing on thermal ecology and thermal reaction norm evolution in *Wyeomyia smithii*. *Journal of Evolutionary Biology* 20: 2144–2153.
6. Kingsolver, JG, KR Massie, **GJ Ragland**, and MH Smith. 2007. Rapid population divergence in thermal reaction norms for an invading species: breaking the temperature-size rule. *Journal of Evolutionary Biology* 20: 892-900.
5. Kingsolver, JG, KR Massie, JG Shlichta, MH Smith, **GJ. Ragland**, and R Gomulkiewicz. 2007. Relating environmental variation to selection on reaction norms: an experimental test. *American Naturalist* 169: 163 – 174.
4. Kingsolver, JG, JG Shlichta, **GJ Ragland**, and KR Massie. 2006. Thermal reaction norms for caterpillar growth depend on diet. *Evolutionary Ecology Research* 8: 703-715.
3. **Ragland, GJ** and PA Carter. 2004. Genetic covariance structure of growth in the salamander *Ambystoma macrodactylum*. *Heredity* 92: 569-578.
2. Kingsolver, JG, **GJ Ragland**, and JG Shlichta. 2004. Quantitative genetics of continuous reaction norms: thermal sensitivity of caterpillar growth rates. *Evolution* 58: 1521-1529.
1. Kingsolver, JG, R Izem, and **GJ Ragland**. 2004. Plasticity of Size and Growth in Fluctuating Thermal Environments: Comparing Reaction Norms and Performance Curves. *Integrative and Comparative Biology* 44: 450–460.

RECENT INVITED TALKS

- 2016 ICE Symposium, Orlando Florida: Photoperiodic Induction of Diapause and Seasonal Morphs
- 2015 Arthropod Genomics Symposium, Manhattan, KS
- 2014 ESA Symposium: PBT SS: Highlighting a Career of Defining and Meeting Grand Challenges in Entomology: A Symposium in Honor of David L. Denlinger
University of Kansas, Dept. of Biology
- 2014 Utah State University, Dept. of Biology
- 2013 Dartmouth College, Dept. of Biology
- 2012 Oregon State University, Dept. of Zoology
- 2011 University of Notre Dame, Dept. of Biology
- 2010 Oklahoma State University, Dept. of Zoology
- 2010 Kansas State University, Dept. of Biology
- 2009 University of Florida, Dept. of Entomology
- 2009 University of Central Florida, Dept. of Biology

RECENT MEETING PRESENTATIONS

- 2014 Society for the Study of Evolution, Raleigh, NC: *Genomic signatures of life history divergence during speciation: diapause as a complex target of selection in *Rhagoletis* fruit flies.*
- 2013 Fifth International Symposium on the Environmental Physiology of Ectotherms and Plants, London, ON: *In Synch: genomic change associated with the evolution of seasonal synchrony via adaptation across the life cycle*
- 2013 Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology, San Francisco, CA: *Relaxed, but ready: dormancy responses are the opposite of stress responses at the transcriptional level*
- 2012 First Joint Congress on Evolutionary Biology, Ottawa, Ontario. *Common physiological themes across arthropod stress and dormancy responses revealed through comparative functional genomics.*
- 2012 Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology, Charleston, SC: *Comparative functional genomics of diapause: common physiological pathways and their connections with stress responses.*
- 2010 Ecological Genomics Symposium, Kansas City, MO: *Evolution at a life history transition.*
- 2010 Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology, Seattle, WA: *Waking the beast: the transcriptional profile of dormancy termination.*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2016 Principles of Biological Research (UCD)
2016 Ecological Genomics (KSU)
2014 Molecular Entomology (team-taught practical methods course), KSU
2010 Cells, Organisms and Genetics (co-instructor), UF
2009-10 FIRST IV (NSF) Postdoctoral Scholar (<https://www.msu.edu/~first4/>)
2009 Thermal Biology, Hnrs (primary instructor for ½ semester), UF
2008 Insect Physiological Ecology (co-instructor), UF

MENTORING

Postdoctoral

2015 - Edwina Dowle, KSU

Graduate

2014 - Phillip Freda, PhD student, KSU
2014 - Martin Schebeck and Vid Bakovic, BOKU Vienna (Co-advisor with Christian Stauffer)
2013- Peter Meyers, PhD student (Co-advisor with Jeff Feder, U. Notre Dame)

Recent Undergraduates

(14 total since 2005, 6 women, 5 minorities)

2015 - Adam Shieferecke, Mariah Brown
2014 - 2015 KSU Entomology: Colin Bailey, Saadia Cleve
2012 – 2013 Notre Dame Biology: Lauren Schmitt, Joe Decker, Charles Cong Xu
2009 – 2010 Genevieve Ochs, John Fuller, Kristina Kim, Serra Goudarzi

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Panelist, NSF IOS.

Observer and invited speaker for the IAEA working group: *Dormancy management to enable mass-rearing and increase efficacy of sterile insects and natural enemies*. (2014, Vienna, Austria).

Participant in EU-US Task Force on Biotechnology Research, Animal Biotechnology working group (http://ec.europa.eu/research/biotechnology/eu-us-task-force/index_en.cfm) for development of data sharing and cyberinfrastructure for animal genomic analyses.

Ad hoc reviewer for many journals including *Evolution*, *Ecology*, *Functional Ecology*, *Molecular Ecology*, *Oecologia*, *Oikos*, *Ecography*, *Evolutionary Applications*, *Insect Molecular Biology*, *Journal of Insect Physiology*, *European Journal of Entomology*, *Insect Science*, *Ecological Entomology*, etc.

External reviewer for various NSF divisions.