# **Faculty Applicant (Environmental Engineering)**

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# **EDUCATION**

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, School of Public Health, Chapel Hill, NC

PhD Environmental Sciences and Engineering

2005

Area of Specialization: Population Ecology

Thesis: "Foraging behavior with short and long-range movement in heterogeneous environments"

Advisor: Dr. Jim Jenk

Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois

MS Biological Sciences

1999

BA Integrated Science, with honors 1993

## **AWARDS and HONORS**

Cracheter Postdoctoral Fellowship, US Department of Engineering	2005-present
ARCS Foundation Fellowship	2003-2005
National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship	2000-2003
Phi Beta Kappa	1993

# **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

- Theoretical and field study of ecological communities
- The roles that spatial patterns and processes play in shaping communities
- How populations and processes acting on different spatio-temporal scales affect the behavior of ecological systems
- Influences of disturbance size and frequency on landscape structure

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Oak Ridge National Laboratory Environmental Sciences Division

Postdoctoral Fellow

2005-present

Develop quantitative theory of hierarchical structure in ecological systems. Analyze how ecological communities reflect environmental heterogeneity at different scales. Conduct numerical study of foraging behavior with short and long-range movement in heterogeneous environments.

Research Advisor: Dr. Stan H. Smith

University of North Carolina School of Public Health, Department of Environmental Sciences
PhD Candidate 2002-2005

Conducted theoretical analysis of spatial scale and environmental heterogeneity in models of predator-prey communities. Performed analytical and numerical analysis to show how species interactions can sharpen underlying environmental patterns and how heterogeneous environments can stabilize predator and prey populations.

Engineering Research Advisor: Dr. Jim Jenk

Northwestern University, Department of Biochemistry, Molecular Biology, and Cell Biology Undergraduate Honors Researcher 1993

Investigated primary events of bacterial photosynthesis. Isolated and performed spectral analysis of photosynthetic reaction centers.

Research Advisor: Dr. Peter Hawk

#### **PUBLICATIONS and PRESENTATIONS**

Phillips,S and FJC. 2005. Cowbird predation on starlings and swallows: attack and interspecific defense. *Avia* 90:503-505.

FJA and J Randolph. 2004. Avian predation on *Anolis* lizards in the northeastern Caribbean: an inter-island contrast, *Ecology* 70:617-628.

FJA and J Randolph. Predation across spatial scales in heterogeneous environments, *Theoretical Population in Biology* ( in press Elsevier).

FJA and F Green. Species interactions in space, symposium paper presented at the 2003 meeting of the Ecological Society of America, Chadwick, ME ( submitted for publication to *Ecology* ).

# REVIEWER

The American Ornithologist Backyard Birder

# **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Nature Education Seminar, Chapel Hill, NC Instructor, Ecosystems Ecology 2002-2004 Lectured 20 students on ecology and led weekend hikes to learn animal tracking and wilderness skills.

Stanford University, Department of Biology, Palo Alto, CA

Co-Instructor, Biology of Birds

1996-1997

Conducted a weekly help session, graded tests and homework, assisted in designing tests, colectured, and led field trips to the Palo Alto Baylands Nature Preserve.

Core Biology Laboratory

Teaching Assistant, Population Ecology

1995

Taught ecology lab sessions and led discussion sections.

#### **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

**UNC-CH Keep Carolina Green Coalition** 

Founder and Tour Guide

2002-2005

Conducted botanical tours of the UNC campus, emphasizing native plants and how they are endangered by traffic and construction. Recruited over 50 new members and successfully applied for funds from the UNC Student Government, thereby ensuring the Coalition's continuity.

Northwestern Students for a Better Environment

President and Member

1994-1999

Organized student rallies, raised funds for radio and television ads, and initiated a letter-writing campaign to the state legislature which resulted in protection of endangered Picotee Lake wetlands.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Animal Protection Society of NC, Volunteer Dog Trainer
Habitat for Humanity, Volunteer
Food Bank of Central Illinois, Volunteer

2002

1999

2000-2001