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CAREER SUMMARY

I am pursuing a career in marine ecology research that applies interdisciplinary methods to discover local to global patterns and drivers of biodiversity. My broad international experience in field, lab, and classroom settings gives me a unique approach to marine invertebrate ecology and an enthusiasm for teaching and public outreach.

Distinctions: 270 citations and h-index of 3 (Google Scholar Apr. 2019)
4 peer-reviewed publications and 1 scientific report
Collaborations in 5 countries with academic and government scientists (AU, CA, CL, CR, USA)

Key Interests: biodiversity, biogeography and spatial heterogeneity; community ecology; DNA barcoding, eDNA; multivariate statistics; cryptic, endangered, invasive species; temperate and tropical ecology

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Oceanography (3.85 GPA), <i>Université Laval</i> Thesis Supervision: Ladd Johnson	2019 (expected)
M.Sc. Marine Science , (3.97 GPA) <i>Moss Landing Marine Laboratories (MLML)</i> Thesis Supervision: Jonathan Geller	2010
B.Sc. Ecology (3.70 GPA), <i>The University of Georgia (UGA)</i> Honors Supervision: Ronald Carroll, Diana Lieberman	2005

RESEARCH

PhD Researcher , <i>Université Laval</i> (Québec) “Ecological drivers of marine biodiversity and their value for monitoring and assessing the impacts of non-indigenous species across Canada.” Related publications: Ma et al. 2019; Archambault et al. 2015	2013 – Present
Research Associate , <i>California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife</i> (California) Sample preparation and isolation for trace metals analyses of fish, shellfish, sediment	2011 – 2012
Senior Research Associate , <i>MLML</i> (California) Marine invertebrate genetics, DNA barcoding, invasive species detection. PI: Jonathan Geller Related publication: Geller et al. 2013	2009 – 2012
MSc Researcher , <i>MLML</i> (California) “The historical genetic diversity of the endangered white abalone.” Related publication: Hawk and Geller 2018	2009 – 2010
NOAA California Sea Grant Trainee , <i>MLML</i> (California) Radiocarbon aging of fish and invertebrates. PI’s: Gregor Cailliet, Allen Andrews Related publication: Andrews et al. 2013	2006 – 2009
Resident Biologist , <i>Cabo Blanco Absolute Preserve</i> (Costa Rica) Independent project: Habitat niches and ecological redundancy among intertidal gastropods. Maintain library, laboratory, and long-term databases of weather, flora, and fauna observations Taxonomic aid for visiting researchers. Supervisors: Diana Lieberman, Milton Lieberman	2005 – 2007
BSc Honors Researcher , <i>UGA Ecolodge San Luis</i> (Costa Rica) “Relating distributions of epiphytic bromeliad tank invertebrate assemblages with human health.” Supervisor: Lindsay Stallcup (Bosque Eterno de los Niños)	2004

TEACHING

Bioinvasions in High Latitudes – course developer (graduate), <i>Universidad Austral de Chile</i>	2019
Marine Science & Oceanography – instructor (K-12), <i>Tabor Academy</i> (Massachusetts)	2018
Biostatistics & R – recurring presenter (graduate), <i>U. Laval Benthic Ecology Lab</i> (Québec)	2015 – 2018
Invertebrate Zoology – teaching assistant (graduate), <i>MLML</i> (California)	2009
Natural History – naturalist (public), <i>Point Lobos State Natural Reserve</i> (California)	2008 – 2009
Marine Biology – science camp instructor (K-12), <i>Camp SEA Lab</i> , (California)	2006 – 2008
Coastal Ecology – resident lecturer (college/graduate), <i>San Miguel Biological Station</i> (Costa Rica)	2005 – 2006
Tropical Field Ecology – teaching assistant (college), <i>UGA Ecodge San Luis</i> (Costa Rica)	2005 – 2006

PUBLICATIONS

(C = citations, IF = impact factor as of Apr. 2019)

Ma KCK, HL Hawk , C Goodwin, N Simard. 2019. Morphological identification of two invading ascidians: new records of <i>Ascidella aspersa</i> (Müller, 1776) from Nova Scotia and <i>Diplosoma listerianum</i> (Milne-Edwards, 1841) from New Brunswick and Quebec. <i>BioInvasions Records</i> 8(1): 50 – 64. doi.org/10.3391/bir.2019.8.1.06	1.2	IF
Hawk HL , JB Geller. 2018. DNA entombed in seashells reveals the historical genetic diversity of the endangered white abalone, <i>Haliotis sorenseni</i> . <i>Marine and Freshwater Research</i> 70(3): 359 – 370. doi.org/10.1071/MF17342	1.7	IF
Geller JB, CP Meyer, M Parker, HL Hawk . 2013. Redesign of PCR primers for mitochondrial Cytochrome c oxidase subunit I for marine invertebrates and application in all-taxa biotic surveys. <i>Molecular Ecology Resources</i> 13 (5): 851-861. doi.org/10.1111/1755-0998.12138	255	C 7.1 IF
Andrews AH, R Leaf, L Rogers-Bennett, M Neuman, HL Hawk , G Cailliet. 2013. Bomb radiocarbon dating of the endangered white abalone (<i>Haliotis sorenseni</i>): investigations of age, growth and lifespan. <i>Marine and Freshwater Research</i> 64 (11): 1029-1039. doi.org/10.1071/MF13007	10	C 1.7 IF
Hawk HL . Historical genetic diversity of the endangered white abalone (<i>Haliotis sorenseni</i>). 2010. Master's Thesis. California State University Monterey Bay, Paper 67. Open Access through Sea Grant California http://escholarship.org/uc/item/0d93d9nz	5	C

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

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- Hawk HL**, LE Johnson. Mesopredator access determines biofouling assemblages on anthropogenic structures in a temperate Canadian marina. (*submitted*)
- Hawk HL**, LE Johnson. Effects of benthic mesopredators access on diversity and structure of biofouling communities at two early stages of succession
- Hawk HL**, LE Johnson, S Bailey. Frameworks for nationwide biodiversity assessments using recruitment plates and incorporating local seasonality and principles of succession.

OTHER MEDIA

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- Archambault P, S Bailey, J Goldsmit, **HL Hawk**, K Howland, A Lacoursiere-Roussel. Guide to the Identification of Non-Indigenous Marine Species with Potential for Introduction to the Canadian Arctic. October 2015. Publication of Canada Department of Fisheries and Oceans. doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.30047.15529
- Hawk HL**. "Protect Pipis, Biologist Pleas." *The Leongatha Star* [Leongatha, Vic, AU] March 2011.
- Blogs:** thehawkinoz.blogspot.com – conservation, travel, and volunteering in 5 regions of Australia 2011 – 2015
mlmlblog.wordpress.com – graduate student blog, research and professional development 2008 – 2011

RESEARCH FUNDING

Québec-Océan Training Grant (\$ 1,500 CAD)	2017
Canadian Aquatic Invasive Species Network (CAISN II) PhD Fellowship (\$ 57,000 CAD)	2012 – 2016
Myers Oceanographic and Marine Biology Trust Grant (\$ 1,500 USD)	2010
David and Lucile Packard Foundation Research Award (\$ 1,000 USD)	2010

SCHOLARSHIPS

Canadian Associates of the Bermuda Institute of Ocean Sciences Scholarship (\$ 2,000 CAD)	2017
Université Laval international recruitment scholarship (\$1,000 CAD)	2013
International Women’s Fishing Association Scholarship (\$ 1,000 USD)	2010
Martha Johnston Memorial Scholarship (\$ 1,000 USD)	2009
H.O.P.E. Scholar (State of Georgia) (\$ 11,000 USD)	2002 – 2005

AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

Top Paper Award, 9ème colloque de biologie, Université Laval (\$ 300 CAD)	2018
Top Paper Award, 8ème colloque de biologie, Université Laval (\$ 200 CAD)	2017
Second Runner-Up for best poster, Canadian Aquatic Invasive Species Annual Meeting	2014
Dean’s List, University of Georgia	2003 – 2005
Presidential Scholar, University of Georgia	2002 – 2005

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Journal Referee	2014 – 2019
<i>BioInvasions Records</i> (1.2 IF)	
<i>Marine and Freshwater Research</i> (1.7 IF)	
<i>Marine Biology</i> (2.4 IF)	
<i>PLOS ONE</i> (2.8 IF)	
Board Member, Immigrant & International Women in Science (IWS), Quebec City branch	2018 – 2019
Organizing Committee, 44 th Annual Benthic Ecology Meeting	2015
Organizing Committee, Invasive Species Workshops for Arctic Canada, Kuujuaq (QC)	2015
Volunteer Aquarium Committee, MLML	2009 – 2010
Organizing Committee, MLML Open House	2007 – 2009
Vice President, Graduate Student Body, MLML	2007 – 2008

OUTREACH

Guest Scientist, <i>Skype A Scientist</i>	2019
Identifier & Data Contributor, <i>iNaturalist</i> . www.inaturalist.org/people/705586	2017 – Present
Graphic Design & Illustration for organizations, events, and publications	2008 – Present
Website Editor (Co-Creator), <i>Benthic Ecology Meeting Society</i> , www.bemsociety.org	2015
Conservation Volunteer, <i>Australia World-Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms (WWOOF)</i>	2011
GBRMPA Townsville (QLD); BYO Guides Coral Finder (QLD); Torres Pearls (QLD);	
Parks Victoria (NSW) (Related news article, <i>Leongatha Star</i>)	

CERTIFICATIONS AND TRAINING

SCUBA: 130+ research/training dives (78 cold/dry-suit, 52 cold/wet-suit, 30 warm water)	
Scientific Diver, <i>American & Canadian Association for Underwater Science (AAUS & CAUS)</i>	2009 & 2013
Volunteer Diver, <i>Reef Check California</i>	2009 – 2011
Master and Rescue Diver, <i>NAUI</i>	2009
Open Water Diver, <i>PADI</i>	2004
Ship Time: 4 single-day cruises (R/V Point Sur) in the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary to identify and prepare DNA extractions of animals from mid-water and benthic trawls	2008 – 2011
Coral Biology and Coral Reef Ecology [training], <i>Bermuda Institute for Ocean Sciences</i>	2017
First Aid/CPR/AED , <i>CNESST Formation Prévention Secours, Inc.</i>	2017
Emergency Oxygen Provider for SCUBA Diving Injuries , <i>Divers Alert Network (DAN)</i>	2016
Freshwater Zooplankton Identification [training], <i>Fisheries and Oceans Canada (Ontario)</i>	2015
Small Vessel Operator Proficiency (SVOP) , <i>Transport Canada</i>	2014
Restricted Radiotelephone Operator's Certificate (ROC-M) , <i>Transport Canada</i>	2014
Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS)	2013
Driver's License (Georgia, USA)	2000
Special Software: R, QGIS, SQL, SYSTAT, SPSS, Geneious, Coral Point Count, Inkscape, GIMP	
Languages: advanced Spanish, intermediate French	

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

(* supported by travel award)

- Hawk HL**, 2018. Beta-Diversity and the spread of invasive species: determining appropriate metrics and spatial scales. 4th World Conference on Marine Biodiversity. Montréal, QC, CA.
- * **Hawk HL**, LE Johnson, S Bailey. 2016. Power and Prejudice: effort and collection method determine the detection of non-indigenous species. 45th annual Benthic Ecology Meeting, Portland, ME, USA.
- * **Hawk HL**, LE Johnson. 2016. Sea Stars Can't Jump: floating structures as prey refuges with consequences for biodiversity. 100th Meeting of the Western Society of Naturalists, Monterey, CA, USA.
- * **Hawk HL**, LE Johnson. 2016. Detecting aquatic non-indigenous species (NIS): the importance of dispersal traits and collection method. 9th International Conference on Marine Bioinvasions. Sydney, AUS.
- Hawk HL**, LE Johnson. 2015. Can life history traits explain the efficiency of field methods for early detection of invasive species? 44th annual Benthic Ecology Meeting, Quebec City, QC, CA. [Poster]

REGIONAL AND LOCAL SYMPOSIA

(* supported by travel award)

- Hawk HL**, LE Johnson. 2018. (*top paper award*) Utilisation de la diversité bêta pour révéler plus d'effets d'espèces non indigènes sur la biodiversité marine. 9^e Colloque du dépt de biologie de U. Laval. Québec, QC, CA.
- Hawk HL**, G Chimienti, M Venezia, G Goodbody-Gringley. 2017. Inside the Reef: baselines for healthy coral reefs depend on habitat and history. BIOS Summer Research Symposium, Hamilton, Bermuda.
- Hawk HL**, LE Johnson. 2017. (*top paper award*) Les effets de l'accès des prédateurs benthiques sur la structure des communautés d'encrassement biologique. 8^e Colloque du dépt de biologie, U. Laval. Québec, QC, CA.
- * **Hawk HL**, LE Johnson, S Bailey, D Schneider. 2016. Regional differences in optimal resource allocation for maximizing detection of multiple aquatic invasive species (AIS). CAISN II meeting. Windsor, ON, CA.

SYMPOSIA (CONTINUED)

(* supported by travel award)

- * **Hawk HL**, KCK Ma, J Goldsmit, A Lacoursiere-Roussel, P Archambault. 2015. Exchanging knowledge about risks and monitoring strategies for aquatic invasive species in Arctic Canada. Québec-Océan 14th annual general meeting. Quebec City, QC, CA. [Poster]
- * **Hawk HL**, LE Johnson. 2015. The effect of dispersal potential on fine scale spatial structure in a fouling community. Atlantic Canada Coastal and Estuarine Science Society (ACCESS). St. Andrews, NB, CA.
- * **Hawk HL**, LE Johnson. 2014. Dominance and succession on artificial structures. Québec-Océan 13th annual general meeting. Rivière-du-Loup, QC, CA.
- * **Hawk HL**. 2014. Life history traits explain the efficiency of sampling methods for early detection of alien species. Canadian Aquatic Invasive Species Network II annual general meeting. Gatineau, QC, CA. [Poster]
- * **Hawk HL**. 2013. Designing a multi-species detection framework for invasions in Canada. Québec-Océan 12th annual general meeting. Rivière-du-Loup, QC, CA. [Poster]
- Hawk HL**, M Marraffini, JB Geller. 2012. DNA barcoding invasive invertebrates from fouling communities in San Francisco Bay. Monterey Bay Nat. Marine Sanctuary Currents Symposium. Seaside, CA, USA. [Poster]
- Hawk HL**, N Welschmeyer, J Broughton. 2008. Rapid validation of ballast water sterilization techniques using adenosine-5'-triphosphate (ATP). MLML Student Symposium. Moss Landing, CA, USA.
- Hawk HL**, JB Geller. 2008. Phylogenetic diversity of calcium carbonate micro-endoliths in abalone shell. MLML Marine Science Student Symposium. Moss Landing, CA, USA.
- Hawk HL**, MH Graham, JB Geller. 2007. Habitat modification and home-fidelity of *Nuttallina* chitons on the central California intertidal zone. MLML Marine Science Symposium. Moss Landing, CA, USA.
- Hawk HL**, D Lieberman. 2004. Distance from stream effects the contribution of mosquito larvae to invertebrate communities in bromeliad tanks. Institute of Ecology Student Symposium. Athens, GA, USA. [Poster]

SEMINARS AND OTHER TALKS

(* supported by travel award)

- * **Hawk HL**, J Goldsmit. 2015. Recruitment plates as tools to monitor for non-indigenous aquatic biofouling species. Canadian Aquatic Invasive Species Knowledge Transfer Workshop. Kuujuaq, QC, CA.
- Geller JB, **HL Hawk**, A Kahn, S Boyer. 2010. Why are there so few phyla? Hypothetical bauplans for unfilled eco-spaces. Moss Landing Marine Laboratories Open House Seminar Series, Moss Landing, CA, USA.
- Hawk HL**, JB Geller, D Haydar. 2008. Secrets in a Seashell: Solving Marine Science Mysteries with DNA. Moss Landing Marine Laboratories Open House Seminar Series, Moss Landing, CA, USA.
- Hawk HL**. 2007. A Lady and the Jungle: Adventures in Tropical Wilderness Ecology. Guest lecture at Camp SEA Lab "Girls Love Science" program (high school students). Seaside, CA, USA.
- Hawk HL**. 2006. Redundancy of habitat niches among intertidal gastropods in a high diversity region. Guest talk for Organization for Tropical Studies (OTS) graduate program. Puntarenas, Costa Rica.

MENTORING

<i>MLML & Salinas High School partner program (K-12)</i>	2008 – 2010
K. High, recently completed BSc, San Jose State University	
<i>Université Laval (undergraduate)</i>	2013 – 2019
C. Carrier-Belleau, now pursuing PhD at U. Laval	
E. Carroll, recently completed MSc at U. Alberta	
A. Langwieder, now pursuing MSc at U. Laval	
A. Pilon, now pursuing MSc at U. Quebec Rimouski	
S. Roy, now pursuing MSc at Ghent U.	