

# Field Methods in Ecological and Environmental Genomics

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#### Name

University and education background

Current Research (or Research Interests)

Future Goals (short-term and long-term)





- 1. Team Assignments (1 vehicle per team?)
- 2. Make up a name for your team
- 3. Which team member speaks the most languages?
- Team HAM
  - Megan, Hanna, Alex
- Team PB&J
  - Jennifer, Beatrice, Patrick
- Team Loneliest Number
  - David, Shannon





# Rapid Evolution in novel environments



## Ecology & Evolution in the Anthropocene





#### Environment --> Natural Selection --> Genome Evolution

Photos by Ed Burtynsky

#### **Invasion Genetics**



#### INVASION GENETICS THE BAKER AND STEBBINS LEGACY

Edited by Spencer C. H. Barrett Robert I. Colautti Katrina M. Dlugosch Loren H. Rieseberg "Invasion genetics of the spiny waterflea" – Colautti et al. 2005

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**Ecological & environmental genomics** investigate patterns of genome-wide variation in natural populations or species communities, to address ecological and environmental questions.

**Discussion**: What are some interesting questions for eco-env genomics?

#### eDNA & DNA barcodes for environmental monitoring











Barcode of Life Project <u>www.boldsystems.org</u>

DNA EARCODES STRUCTURE AR HILL STRUCTURE AR ALL STRUCTURE

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZImiXgU6bCk

### Metagenomics of microbiomes





## Rapid evolution of Lythrum salicaria



## Population genomics of Alliaria petiolata





## Our approach – 3 pillars

- 1. Learn by doing
  - **Field Activities**
  - Hands-on tutorials
- 2. Emphasis on transferrable skills
  - Coding
  - **Experimental Design**
  - Data Science! (collect  $\rightarrow$  manage  $\rightarrow$  visualize  $\rightarrow$  analyze  $\rightarrow$  report)
  - Communication
  - Teamwork
- 3. Cumulative learning each day builds on previous activities/tutorials

### QUIZ – What are the three pillars of our approach?



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