# Erik Parker

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## **EDUCATION**

2015 - present: Ph.D. Evolution, Ecology and Behavior, Indiana University, Bloomington

Minor: Statistics

Advisor: Dr. Armin Moczek

Committee: Dr. Irene Newton, Dr. Jay Lennon, Dr. Whitney Schlegel, Dr. Jen Lau Thesis title: With a little help from my friends: The role of the microbiota in dung beetle

diversification.

2009 – 2014: Bachelor of Science, Biology, University of Oregon, Eugene; Magna Cum Laude

## PUBLICATIONS [\*Co-First Authors]

## in press / in print

**Parker ES**, Moczek AP. Don't stand so close to me: microbiota-facilitated enemy release dynamics in introduced *Onthophagus taurus* dung beetles. **Ecology and Evolution** *in press*.

Parker ES, Newton ILG, Moczek AP. (My microbiome) would walk 10,000 miles: Maintenance and turnover of microbial communities in introduced dung beetles. **Microbial Ecology**.

\*Hu Y, \*Linz DM, \*Parker ES, \*Schwab DB, Casasa S, Macagno AL, Moczek AP. Developmental bias in horned dung beetles and its contributions to innovation, adaptation, and resilience. Evolution & Development 22(1-2):165-80.

**Parker ES**, Dury GJ, Moczek AP. Transgenerational developmental effects of species-specific, maternally transmitted microbiota in Onthophagus dung beetles. **Ecological Entomology** 44(2):274-82.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

**Parker ES**, Schwab DB & Moczek AP. With a little help from my friends: The role of the microbiota in dung beetle diversification. [poster] *Evolution Evolving*, Cambridge, UK.

**Parker ES.** Where does diversity come from? Symbiosis, development, and evolution of dung beetles. *Brown Bag Seminar.* Indiana University, Bloomington, IN.

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- **2014** Parker ES, Currey M & Cresko W. Morphological Divergence Between Coastal and Inland Freshwater Oregon Stickleback. *EVO-WIBO*, Port Townsend, WA.

## GRANTS, AWARDS, AND HONORS

- 2019 Louise Constable Hoover Fellowship (\$2000 for research expenses). Indiana University, Bloomington.
  - Indiana University McCormick Science Grant (\$2500 for research expenses). Indiana University, Bloomington.
- 2017 EEB Summer Fellowship (\$3200 stipend). Indiana University, Bloomington.
- 2016 NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program (Honorable Mention). *A test of the hologenome theory of evolution in natural populations.*

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- 2018 Assistant Instructor. Animal Behavior 460. Indiana University, Bloomington.
- 2017 Instructor, Foundations in Science and Mathematics program. Zoology. Bloomington, IN.
  - Assistant Instructor. Biology of the Senses 104. Indiana University, Bloomington.
  - Assistant Instructor. Diversity, Evolution, and Ecology 111. Indiana University, Bloomington.
- 2016 Guest Lecture. Diversity, Evolution, and Ecology 111. *IU's Finest: Natural Selection in the Classroom*. Indiana University, Bloomington.
  - Guest Lecture. Evolution 318. *Evolution and Development: The Past, Present, and Future of EvoDevo*. Indiana University, Bloomington.
- 2016 Assistant Instructor. Evolution 318. Indiana University, Bloomington.
  - Assistant Instructor. Entomology 373. Indiana University, Bloomington.

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2015 Guest Lecture. Evolution 318. *Evolution and Development: The Past, Present, and Future of EvoDevo*. Indiana University, Bloomington.

Assistant Instructor. Evolution 318. Indiana University, Bloomington.

Assistant Instructor. Human Biology 104. Indiana University, Bloomington.

## **WORKSHOPS**

#### **LEAD**

2020 Making beautiful (or at least decent looking) scientific graphics using Illustrator. Indiana University, Bloomington.

Using R for data visualization, statistical analyses, and linear modeling of biological data. Indiana University, Bloomington.

#### **PARTICIPANT**

- 2018 STEM Tech2Teach. Organizers: Dr. Madeleine Gonin and Dr. John Paul Kanwit. Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning, Indiana University, Bloomington.
- 2017 GitHub and R for Ecologists. Organizer: Dr. Jay Lennon. Indiana University, Bloomington.

The Basics of Genomics and Bioinformatics. Organizer: Dr. Irene Newton. Indiana University, Bloomington.

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Invited Reviewer for: Entomologia Experimentalis et Applicata, Evolution & Development.

## STUDENTS MENTORED

2018- 2019 Madison Gits (Undergraduate)

## **OUTREACH**

- 2019 The Evolutionary Morphology of Skulls and Teeth. 6 classes of 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders. Mooresville High School, Mooreseville, IN. Participants: ~ 180 students.
- 2018 Studying Animal Behavior in Crayfish. 4 classes of AP Biology students. Bloomington High School South, Bloomington, IN. Participants: ~80 students.

The Wonderful World of Dung Beetles. Community outreach event. Marble Hill Farms, Bloomington, IN. Participants: ~20 children and adults.

The Evolutionary Morphology of Skulls and Teeth. 7 classes of 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders. Mooresville High School, Mooreseville, IN. Participants: ~ 220 students.

Reconstructing 4 Million Years Human Evolution. 1 class of 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders. Harmony School, Bloomington, IN. Participants: ~15 students.

2017 Insect Lifecycles. 2 classes of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. Parkview Primary School, Bedford, IN. Participants: ~70 students.

The Evolutionary Morphology of Skulls and Teeth. 2 classes of 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders. Bloomington High School South, Bloomington, IN. Participants: ~ 50 students.

2016 The Evolutionary Morphology of Skulls and Teeth. 5 classes of 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders. Bloomington High School North, Bloomington, IN. Participants: ~ 160 students.

Reconstructing 4 Million Years Human Evolution. 4 classes of 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders. Central Middle School, Columbus, IN. Participants: ~100 students.

The Evolutionary Morphology of Skulls and Teeth. 3 classes of 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders. Unionville Elementary School, Unionville, IN. Participants: ~ 70 students.

Formulating and Testing Hypotheses Using Termite Behavior. 3 classes of 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> graders. Unionville Elementary School, Unionville, IN. Participants: ~ 80 students.

The Evolutionary Morphology of Skulls and Teeth. 1 class of 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Summit Elementary School, Bloomington, IN. Participants: ~ 30 students.

2015 The Wonderful World of Dung Beetles. WonderLab camp, grades K-3<sup>rd</sup>. Bloomington, IN. Participants: ~40 students.

*The Evolutionary Morphology of Skulls and Teeth.* 7 classes of 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders. Bloomington High School South, Bloomington, IN. Participants: ~ 210 students.

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*The Evolutionary Morphology of Skulls and Teeth.* 4 classes of 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders. Dollens Elementary School, Oolitic, IN. Participants: ~ 120 students.

Judge for 2015 Indiana Science Olympiad Tournament. Indiana University, Bloomington, IN.

2014 The Evolutionary Morphology of Skulls and Teeth. 4 classes of 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders. St. Vincent de Paul School, Bedford, IN. Participants: ~ 80 students.

The Evolutionary Morphology of Skulls and Teeth. Community outreach event. Bedford Public Library, Bedford, IN. Participants: ~ 10 children and adults.

*Insect Development and Biodiversity.* 1 class of students age 5-18. Bloomington Christian Schoolhouse, Bloomington, IN. Participants: 35 students.

*The Evolutionary Morphology of Skulls and Teeth.* 2 classes of 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Spencer-Owen Elementary School, Spencer, IN. Participants: ~ 50 students.

2013 Boology! A Night of Spooky Science. Community outreach event. University of Oregon, Eugene, OR. Participants: ~ 500 visitors.