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### **Professional Appointments**

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- 2018-Present Postdoctoral Researcher, Advisor: Dr. Michael Strickland, University of Idaho, Department of Soil and Water Systems, Moscow, Idaho
- 2017 Graduate Researcher, Advisor: Dr. Tomas Roslin, University of Helsinki, Spatial Food Web Ecology, Helsinki, Finland.
- 2016 Graduate Researcher, Advisor: Dr. Alfonso Alonso, Smithsonian Center for Conservation and Sustainability, Washington D.C.
- 2009-Present Field Researcher, Barro Colorado Island, Panama
- 2013-2018 Graduate Researcher, Advisor: Dr. Michael Kaspari, University of Oklahoma, Department of Biology, Norman, OK
- 2011 Undergraduate Researcher, Global Health Course by the Organization for Tropical Studies, Costa Rica
- 2008-2013 Research Assistant, Advisor: Dr. Adam Kay, University of St. Thomas, Department of Biology, St. Paul, MN

### **Education**

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**University of Oklahoma**, Norman, OK

Department of Biology, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Program

Doctorate of Philosophy in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, 2013-2018

**University of St. Thomas**, St. Paul, MN

Bachelor of Arts in Biology, May 2012

Minor in Justice and Peace Studies, May 2012

**Organization for Tropical Studies**, Costa Rica

Global Health: Tropical Medicine and Public Health, Undergraduate Program, Spring 2011

**St. Louis University in Madrid**, Spain

Study Abroad Program, Spring 2010

### **Fellowships, Scholarships, Awards, and Grants (Total: \$273,138)**

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- 2017 National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant (DDIG), \$16,138
- 2017 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Opportunities Worldwide (GROW), \$5000
- 2017 OU Bullard Research Grant, \$1000
- 2016 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Internship Program (GRIP), \$5000
- 2015 Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute Short Term Fellowship, \$2500
- 2014 Hill Grant, \$500
- 2014 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP), \$138,000
- 2014 Adams Graduate Scholarship, \$2,500
- 2013 Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need Fellowship (GAANN), \$102,000
- 2013 Graduate Teaching Academy Fellow
- 2012 St. Thomas Travel Grant, \$500

2012 Best Talk in Session Minnesota Academy of Science Undergraduate Research Symposium  
2012 Presidential prize best undergraduate talk, The Entomological Society of America meeting

## Publications

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- Lucas, J.M.**, H. Nunn, and M. Kaspari. Antibiotics as chemical warfare against detritivorous invertebrate. *In prep.*
- Lucas, J.M.**, A.A. Madden, C.A. Penick, M.J. Epps, P.R. Marting, J.L. Stevens, D.J. Fergus, R.R. Dunn, E.K. Meineke. Ants control insect pathogens, but not plant pathogens, inside their nests in a model ant-plant mutualism. *In prep.*
- Danielsson, R., J., **J. Lucas** Dahlberg, M. Ramin, S. Agenas, I. Tapio, A. Bayat, T. Hammer and T. Roslin. Context-dependence of antibiotic effects on methane emissions from livestock. *In review, Proc. B.*
- Lucas, J.M.**, E.M. Gora, and M. Kaspari. Antibiotic compounds shape the brown food web and influence ecosystem function in tropical forests. *In review, Ecology.*
- Gora, E.M., **J.M. Lucas**, and S.P. Yanoviak. Microbial composition and decomposition rates vary with environmental conditions from the ground to the canopy in a tropical forest. *In Review, Ecology.*
- Lucas, J.M.**, N.A. Clay, and M. Kaspari. (2018) External myrmecotrophy benefits host plants of dominant canopy ant, *Azteca trigona*. *Ecological Entomology.*
- Lucas, J.M.**, E.M. Gora, and A. Alonso. (2017) A view of the global conservation job market and how to succeed in it. *Conservation Biology.*
- Lucas, J.M.**, B. Bill, B. Stevenson, M. Kaspari. (2016) The microbiome of the ant-built home: the microbial communities of a tropical arboreal ant and its nest. *Ecosphere.*
- Kaspari M., N.A. Clay, **J.M. Lucas**, S. Revzen, A.D. Kay, and S.P. Yanoviak. (2015) Thermal adaptation and phosphorus shape thermal performance in an assemblage of rainforest ants. *Ecology.*
- Kaspari M., N.A. Clay, **J.M. Lucas**, S.P. Yanoviak, and A.D. Kay. (2014) Thermal adaptation generates a diversity of thermal limits in a rainforest ant community. *Global Change Biology.*
- Clay, N.A., **J.M. Lucas**, M. Kaspari and A.D. Kay. (2013) Manna from heaven: Refuse from an arboreal ant connects aboveground and belowground processes in a lowland tropical forest. *Ecosphere.*
- Kaspari M., D. Donoso, **J.M. Lucas**, T. Zumbusch and A.D. Kay. (2013) Using nutritional ecology to predict community structure: field test in Neotropical ants. *Ecosphere.*

## Posters and Presentations

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- Lucas, J.M.** and Kaspari, M. Antimicrobials as chemical warfare against detritivorous invertebrates. 2018 meeting of the Ecological Society of America, New Orleans, LA.
- Lucas, J.M.** From cooperation to competition: How microbes and invertebrates interact in a tropical forest. 2018. Dissertation Defense Seminar, University of Oklahoma.
- Lucas, J.M.** and Kaspari, M. The role of antibiotics in the decomposer food web. 2017 meeting of the Ecological Society of America, Portland, OR.
- Lucas, J.M.** How anthropogenic introductions of antibiotic compounds impact our ecosystems. 2017. University of Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland.

- Lucas, J.M.** Exploring the impact of *Azteca trigona* in a Neotropical Forest. 2017. University of Louisville: Biology Departmental Presentation, Louisville, KY.
- Henderson, K., M. Kaspari, **J.M. Lucas**. *Azteca trigona* influence species distribution and ant behavior in a lowland tropical forest. 2017 National Conference for Undergraduate Research. University of Memphis, Memphis, Tennessee.
- Lucas, J.M.** The role of antibiotics in tropical forests. 2017. Ecomunch Presentation. University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma.
- Lucas, J.M.** The impact of antibiotics in Panama's tropical forests. 2016. STRI Microbial Symposium Oral Presentation. Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, Panama.
- Lucas, J.M.** Patterns of bacterial community composition and nutrient content across *Azteca trigona* ants, their nest, refuse and surrounding soil. 2016 meeting of the Ecological Society of America, Fort Lauderdale, FL.
- Lucas, J.M.** The microbiome of the ant-built home. 2016. OTS Guest Lecture. Barro Colorado Island, Panama.
- Lucas, J.M.** The microbiome of the ant-built home. 2016. Bambi Presentation. Barro Colorado Island, Panama.
- Lucas, J.M.** One ant's trash is another plant's treasure: How *Azteca trigona* connects above and belowground ecosystems. 2016. Smithsonian Center for Conservation and Sustainability Presentation, Washington, D.C.
- Lucas, J.M.** Bridging Science and Film: the scientific perspective. 2016. Guest Lecturer. American University Environmental Film Making Course, Washington, D.C.
- Lucas, J.M., M. Kaspari**, The Power of *Azteca*: How the canopy ant *A. trigona* influences plant growth in a wet tropical forest. 2015 Entomological Society of America, Minneapolis, MN.
- Lucas, J.M.** One ant's trash is another plant's treasure: How *Azteca trigona* connects above and belowground ecosystems. 2015. Ecomunch Presentation. Norman, Oklahoma.
- Lucas, J.M.** One ant's trash is another plant's treasure: How *Azteca trigona* connects above and belowground ecosystems. 2015. OTS Guest Lecture. Barro Colorado Island, Panama
- Lucas, J.M., N.A. Clay, M.E. Kaspari, A.D. Kay.** *Azteca* ants connect aboveground and belowground processes in a wet tropical forest. 2012 Annual Meeting/Winchell Undergraduate Research Symposium, St. Olaf, Northfield, MN.
- Lucas, J.M., N.A. Clay, M.E. Kaspari, A.D. Kay.** Refuse from an arboreal ant connects aboveground and belowground processes in a lowland tropical forest. 2011 meeting of the Ecological Society of America, Austin, TX.
- Lucas, J.M., N.A. Clay, M.E. Kaspari, A.D. Kay.** *Azteca* ants connect aboveground and belowground processes in a wet tropical forest. 2012 meeting of the Entomological Society of America, Knoxville, TN.

### **Teaching Experience**

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| 2018 | Regional Approaches to Climate Change (REACCH) Internship Mentor<br>University of Idaho, Moscow |
| 2017 | Teaching Assistant and Course Designer, Principles of Ecology<br>University of Oklahoma, Norman |
| 2017 | REU Mentor, Barro Colorado Island<br>Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, Panama            |
| 2016 | Guest Presenter, Barro Colorado Island  |

- 2016 OTS Graduate Student Field Ecology Course  
REU Mentor, Barro Colorado Island  
Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, Panama
- 2015 Teaching Assistant, Molecular and Organismal Biology 1134  
University of Oklahoma, Norman
- 2015 Guest Presenter, Barro Colorado Island  
OTS Graduate Student Field Ecology Course
- 2015 REU Mentor, Barro Colorado Island  
Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, Panama
- 2014 REU Mentor, Barro Colorado Island  
Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, Panama
- 2012 CHANCE Instructor on Barro Colorado Island  
Penn State University

### **Service and Outreach**

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- 2018 Guide to navigating graduate school student workshop  
University of Idaho
- 2018 Guide to gaining essential skills in graduate school round table  
University of Pittsburgh
- 2017 Guest lecture on alternative careers in conservation biology  
University of Oklahoma, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology
- 2017 Guide to grant writing in graduate school guest lecture  
University of Oklahoma, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology
- 2016 Mysteries of the Rainforest Video Segment on Smithsonian Channel  
Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute
- 2016 Guided tour of Barro Colorado Island for OTS Course  
Barro Colorado Island, Panama
- 2015 Secrets of the Rainforest Video Segment on Smithsonian Channel  
Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute
- 2015 Madill High School field day at OUBS  
University of Oklahoma Biological Station, OK
- 2015 Guided tour of Barro Colorado Island  
Barro Colorado Island, Panama
- 2014 Madill High School field day at OUBS  
University of Oklahoma Biological Station, OK
- 2012 Cretin-Durham Introduction to Research Class  
Cretin-Durham High School, St Paul, MN
- 2012 St Thomas More Insect Day  
St Thomas More Catholic School, St Paul, MN
- 2012 Groveland Park Insect Day  
Guest instructor, Groveland Park Academy, St Paul, MN
- 2012 Dowling Elementary School Insect Day  
Guest instructor Dowling Elementary, St Paul, MN