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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- 1989 Ph.D., Ecology and Natural Resources, University of Michigan
1982 M.S., Biology, University of Michigan
1977 B.S., *Cum Laude*, Biology, Universidad Sagrado Corazón, Puerto Rico

Academic Positions

- 2020 to present James E. Crowfoot Collegiate Professor of Environmental Justice
2009 to 2020 George W. Pack Professor of Environment and Sustainability,
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
2006 to present Professor, School for Environment and Sustainability, University
of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
1996 to 2006 Associate Professor, School for Environment and Sustainability,
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
1989 to 1996 Assistant Professor, School for Environment and Sustainability,
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

Visiting and Associated Positions

- 2000 to present Associate Faculty, Latina/o Studies Program, American Culture,
University of Michigan
2012 to 2013 Adjunct Faculty, Collage of Graduate Studies, University of
Toledo, Toledo, Ohio.
2011 to 2012 Visiting Faculty, Centre d'Ecologie Functionnelle et Evolutive,
Université de Montpellier, Montpellier, France.
2003 to present Associate Faculty, Program in the Environment, University of
Michigan
2004 to 2005 Associate Faculty, Centro de Estudios de Desarrollo Agrario Rural,
Universidad Agraria de la Habana, Cuba
2005 to 2006 Visiting Faculty, El Colegio de la Frontera Sur (ECOSUR),
Chiapas, Mexico
Fall, 2004 Visiting Faculty, Universidad Federal de Minas Gerais, Brazil

9/2000 to 5/2002 Acting Director, Latina/o Studies Program, American Culture,
School of Literature, Science and Art, University of Michigan
9/1996 to 9/1997 Visiting Scholar, Department of Entomology, Wageningen
Agricultural University, The Netherlands
2/1986 to 6/1987 Visiting Faculty, National Agricultural University, Nicaragua
1/1982 to 7/1983 Instructor, Department of Biology, Interamerican University,
Puerto Rico

Other Academic and Professional Experience

January 2019	Instructor of an intensive two-week course entitled “Ecology for Agroecology”, Universidad de Puerto Rico, Utuado
January 2018	Instructor of an intensive one-week course entitled “Complejidad Ecológica y Agroecología”, El Colegio de la Frontera Sur, San Cristóbal de las Casas, México
January 2017	Instructor of an intensive one-week course entitled “Complejidad Ecológica y Agroecología”, Universidad del Valle, Cali, Colombia
April, 2016	Instructor of an intensive 2-day course entitled “Complejidad Ecológica y Agroecología”, Casa Pueblo y Universidad de Puerto Rico, Recinto de Mayaguez, Adjuntas, Puerto Rico
January 2016	Instructor of an intensive one-week course entitled “Biodiversity, Ecological Complexity and Agroecosystems”, Universitat degli Studi di Firenze, Florence, Italy
April 2015	Instructor for a two-week course entitled Agroecology: Educating the Intuition through Ecological Theory, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences (BOKU), Vienna, Austria
February 2014	Instructor of an intensive one-week course entitled “Biodiversity Conservation and Agriculture”, Proyecto Biodiversidad Agrícola en Ecosistemas Protegidos Cubana (COBARB), Instituto Nacional de Investigaciones Fundamentales Agrícolas Tropical (INIFAT), Habana Cuba in collaboration with UNESCO and Bioversity, Rome, Italy.
2005 - 2008	Coordinating Lead Author – International Assessment of Agricultural Science and Technology for Development (IAASTD), Latin America/Caribbean Assessment Report and Synthesis Report.
1992 - 2007	Co-coordinator and Instructor of a three-week intensive field course entitled "The Dynamics of Tropical Rain Forests," which is part of a research expedition to examine the regeneration of the rain forest in Nicaragua after hurricane and agricultural disturbance.
May 2005	Instructor of an intensive one-week course entitled ‘Biodiversity and Conservation’ Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic.
October 2004	Instructor of an intensive one-week course entitled "Biodiversitas e conservação" Universidad Federal de Minas Gerais, Belo Horizonte, Brazil.
April 2003	Invited Professor: Series of (7) Lectures on Biodiversity at Università di Firenze, Italy.
July 2000, 2002 and 2005	Instructor of an intensive one-week course entitled "Measurement and Analysis of Biodiversity," ECOSUR, Chiapas, Mexico.

1996 (7/4 to 7/14)	Visiting Faculty, Ecological Principles of Agroecology, part of the Masters in Agroecology offered by the Universidad Iberoamericana, Spain.
1995 (1 week)	Co-coordinator and Instructor, Ecology of Intercropping, Centro de Investigaciones de Horticultura Liliana Dimitrova, Provincia de La Habana, Cuba.
1992 (1 week)	Co-coordinator and Instructor, Ecology of Multi-species Systems, Centro de Investigaciones Ecológicas del Sureste, San Cristóbal de las Casas, Chiapas, México.
1990 and 1991	Visiting Faculty, Tropical Managed Ecosystems Course (Summer Session), Organization for Tropical Studies, Costa Rica.
1988 and 1989	Co-coordinator, Agroecology Course (Summer Session), Organization for Tropical Studies, Costa Rica.
1987	Consultant for the Nicaraguan Ministry of Agriculture Project: Environmental and Socio-Economic Effects of Pesticide Subsidies.

Awards and Honors

- 2023 Elected Member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences
- 2023 Ph.D. Honorary Degree in Education (*honoris causa*), Universidad Sagrado Corazón
- 2022 Elected Member of the National Academy of Sciences
- 2020-Present James E. Crowfoot Professor of Environmental Justice Collegiate Professor
- 2019-2023 Elected Senior Fellow of the Michigan Society of Fellows
- 2015 Elected Senior Fellow of the Ecological Society of America
- 2012-2013 Elected Member of the Scientific Council of the Regional Institute of Biodiversity (IRBIO) for Central America and the Dominican Republic (three-year appointment).
- 2011 Ecological Society of America Diversity Award (awarded by the Education and Human Resources Committee)
- 2010 Faculty Recognition Award (University of Michigan, university-wide award)
- 2009-2020 George W. Pack Professorship (permanent endowed chair)
- 2009 Elected Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science
- 2007-2008 Outstanding Faculty Award (chosen by SNRE Student Government)
- 2004-2005 Fulbright Scholar (Brazil)
- 2002 Faculty Career Development Award, University of Michigan
- 2001 Certificate of Recognition for Service to Latina/o Students, Latino Task Force
- 1989 The Samuel A. Graham Award, SNRE, University of Michigan
- 1988 Special Recognition (Ford Foundation)
- 1986-1987 Fulbright Fellow (Nicaragua)

Grants and Other Financial Awards (Perfecto as Lead PI)

2021-2026	Transformative Food Systems Fellows Program: Cultivating Resilient Agriculture (USDA-NIFA- Food and Agricultural Sciences National Needs Graduate and Postgraduate Fellowship (NNF) Grants Program, Jennifer Blesh, Brendan O'Neil, Meha Jain and Lesli Hoey, Co-PIs (\$262,500)
2019-2021	Fusing satellite and drone data with GIS to create new analytical decision support tools for varying farm types (USDA-NIFA) Kevin Atkins, PI, Ivette Perfecto, Co-PI. (\$243,959)
2019-2022	The ecology of critical transitions in pest control in the coffee agroecosystem (National Science Foundation) John Vandermeer, Co-PI (\$699,875)
2018-2020	Reimagining Puerto Rico's energy and food systems through community engagement (Graham Sustainability Institute Transformation Grant) José Alfaro, John Vandermeer, Javier Lugo, Mariangie Ramos, Olgaly Ramos, Lorenzo Salecetti, Yanira Sanchez, Co-PIs (\$302,291)
2018-2020	Evaluating Hurricane Damage and Resilience in Coffee Agroecosystems in Puerto Rico (USDA-NIFA) John Vandermee and Javier Lugo, Co-PIs (\$100,000)
2018-2019	Sustainability with an equity lens: cultivating an inclusive core curriculum and culture in the School for Environment and Sustainability (Rackham Graduate School) Victoria Cambell-Arvai, Sheila Schueller, Sonia Joshi, Dorceta Taylor, Co-PIs (\$11,000)
2018-2019	Recruitment Program of Students from Puerto Rico to SSEAS and EEB (Rackham Graduate School) John Vandermeer, Co-PI (\$5,000)
2017-2020	Understanding multifunctional landscapes within the Model Forest of Puerto Rico (USDA-NIFA), John Vandermee and Javier Lugo, Co-PIs (\$500,000)
2015-2018	Curriculum development in sustainable food systems: increasing number and diversity of students in sustainable food systems studies (USDA-HEC Program) Robert Greses, Jenifer Blesh, Karen Peterson and Susan Aaronson, Co-PIs. (\$150,000)
2014-2016	Generation of spatial pattern and consequences for the succession of a northeastern deciduous forest in Michigan (USDA-NIFA McIntire Stennis Program) John Vandermeer, Co-PI
2013-2014	Student engagement with the local and global food system (Third Century Initiative Award, UM)
2013-2015	Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant (for David Gonthier): Causes and Consequences of Biodiversity in Coffee Agriculture (DDIG-NSF)
2012-2014	Urban gardens: spontaneous generation of spatial pattern, consequences for ecosystem and human health (MCube Award, UM)
2012-2013	Expanding horizons of research questions in agroecology: exploring the consequences of climate change and agricultural intensification in the coffee agroecosystem (Crosby Award, UM)
2012-2014	Ecology and complexity of the coffee farm (NSF: OPUS)

2011-2013	SNRE Envoys Initiative (Faculty Allies Diversity Grant) Bill Currie and Nick Reo, CoPIs
2006-2009	Forest successional dynamics in the oak-dominated forests of the E. S. George Reserve: A spatially explicit approach (MacIntyre-Stennis Grant) John Vandermeer Co-PI
2006-2008	Matrix quality and the value of biodiversity: conservation of bats in Neotropical agroforestry systems (NSF Postdoctoral Fellowship to Kimberly Williams-Guillén)
2004-2010	Spatial scaling with an unusual food web structure: the case of <i>Azteca</i> ants in the coffee agroecosystem (NSF) John Vandermeer, Co-PI
2003-2006	Pesticide reduction through a better understanding of fertilizer/pest relationship (US Department of Agriculture)
2003-2004	Incorporation of technical education into an international institutional framework: a case study of the Mesoamerican Biological Corridor in Nicaragua (Advance Study Center, II, UM) Maria Lemos, Co-PI
2003-2004	Achieving economic and environmental goals by reducing the gap between producers and consumers: a case study of Ann Arbor's coffee consumers and Chiapas' coffee producers (Center for International Business Education, and Advance Study Center, II, UM) Tom Princen- Co-PI
2003-2004	Forest successional processes in the E. S. George Reserve, Livingston County, Michigan (McIntyre Stennis Program) John Vandermeer Co-PI
2000 – 2004	Biodiversity and ecosystem function: top down control of herbivory by birds and invertebrate predators in the coffee agroecosystem. (NSF) Russell Greenberg and Guillermo Ibarra-Núñez co-PIs
2002	Latinos and environmental justice (a conference). (Office of Vice Provost for Research, UM; Rackham Graduate School; International Institute, UM)
2001-2002	Biodiversity loss and the function of leaf litter ants in contrasting coffee management. (The Land Institute)
2000	Neotropical resident and migratory bird conservation in coffee agroecosystems in Chiapas, Mexico. (Chicago Zoological Society)
1999	Civic engagement though a field course in agriculture, Center for Learning through Community Service (Kellogg Foundation) with Catherine Badgley
1998-2003	Pesticide reduction through a better understanding of the fertilizer/pest relationship. (US Department of Agriculture)
1996	Sabbatical Award, Office of Multicultural Affairs, University of Michigan
1994	Biodiversity and the transformation of tropical agroecosystem, (Office of Vice-Provost for Research, UM; Office of the Vice Provost for Academic and Multicultural Affairs, UM)
1993	Biodiversity in changing agroecosystems: the coffee agroecosystem in Costa Rica. (Rackham Graduate School, UM).
1991	Methane uptake and the modernization of coffee: a case study in Costa Rica. (Population and Environment Dynamics Project Award, UM)
1990 / 1991	Ecological consequences of a new coffee production technology, (NSF)

1990 Ecological consequences of a new coffee production technology
(Office of Vice-Provost for Research, UM).

Publications

Books

1. Dooley K., Keith H., Larson A., Catacora-Vargas G., Carton W., Christiansen K.L., Enokenwa Baa O., Frechette A., Hugh S., Ivetic N., Lim L.C., Lund J.F., Luqman M., Mackey B., Monterroso I., Ojha H., **Perfecto I.**, Riamit K., Robiou du Pont Y., Young V. 2022. The Land Gap Report 2022. Available at:
<https://www.landgap.org/>
2. **Perfecto, I.**, J. Vandermeer and A. Wright (Revised Edition). 2019. *Nature's Matrix: Linking Agriculture, Conservation and Food Sovereignty*, Routledge, London.
3. Vandermeer, H. and I. **Perfecto**. 2017. *Ecological Complexity for Agroecology*, Routledge, London.
4. **Perfecto, I.** and J. Vandermeer. 2015. *Coffee Agroecology*, Routledge, London.
5. **Perfecto, I.**, J. Vandermeer and A. Wright. 2009. *Nature's Matrix: Linking Agriculture, Conservation and Food Sovereignty*, Routledge, London.
6. Vandermeer, J. H. and I. **Perfecto**. 2005 (2nd Edition). *A Breakfast of Biodiversity: The Political Ecology of Rain Forest Deforestation*, Institute for Food Development Policy, San Francisco, CA
7. Vandermeer, J. H. and I. **Perfecto**. 1995. *A Breakfast of Biodiversity: The Truth about Rain Forest Destruction*, Institute for Food Development Policy, San Francisco, CA

Peer-reviewed journals (*student or post-doctoral collaborator)

1. Lugo Perez, J., Z. Hajian-Forooshani*, J. Vandermeer, and I. **Perfecto**. *In press*. The importance of shade trees in promoting carbon storage in the coffee agroforest system of Puerto Rico. *Agriculture Ecosystems and Environment*.
2. Li*, K., Z. Hajian-Forooshani*, J. Vandermeer and I. **Perfecto**. *In press*. Coffee leaf rust (*Hemileia vastatrix*) is spread by rain splash from infected leaf litter in a semi-controlled experiment. *Journal of Plant Pathology*
3. Vandermeer, J. and I. **Perfecto**. 2023. Intransitivity as a dynamic assembly engine of competitive communities. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Science* 120 (15) e2217372120. doi.org/10.1073/pnas.2217372120
4. **Perfecto, I.** and S. M. Philpott. 2023. Ants and ecosystem functions and services in urban areas: reflection on a diverse literature. *Myrmecological News* 33: 103-122. doi.org/10.25849/myrmecol.news_033:103

5. Shepon, A, T. Wu, C. Kremen, T. Dayan, I. **Perfecto**, C. Golden. 2023. Exploring future food systems in the context of emerging zoonotic diseases using scenario exploration. *Lancet Planetary Health* 7(4): E329-E335. [doi.org/10.1016/S2542-5196\(23\)00007-4](https://doi.org/10.1016/S2542-5196(23)00007-4)
6. Aponte*, B. and I. **Perfecto**. 2023. Shaded-coffee agroecosystem supports high levels of ant biodiversity regardless of shade tree species planted by farmers. *Ecosphere* 14(2): e-4442. doi.org/10.1002/ecs2.4442
7. Hajian-Forooshani*, Z., I. **Perfecto**, J. Vandermeer. 2023. Novel community assembly and the control of fungal pathogen in coffee agroecosystems. *Biological Control* 117: 105099. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.biocontrol.2022.105099>
8. Avelino, J., S. Gagliardi, I. **Perfecto**, M. Isaac, T. Liebig, J. Vandermeer, I. Merle, Z. Hajian-Forooshni*, N. Motisi. 2023. Tree effects on coffee leaf rust at field and landscape scale. *Plant Disease* 107(2): 1804-FE. <https://doi.org/10.1094/PDIS-08-21-1804-FE>
9. Morris*, J and I. **Perfecto**. 2022. A dominant non-consumptive effect mediates pest control and multi-predator interactions in a coffee agroecosystem. *Ecological Applications* 32(7):e2653. <https://doi.org/10.1002/eap.2653>
10. Hsieh*, H.Y., J. Vandermeer and I. **Perfecto**. 2022. Higher order interactions affect survival and sex ratio of a predatory beetle. *Science Reports* 12: 19378 <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-022-23763-z>
11. Mayorga*, I., J. L. Vargas*, Z. Hajian-Forooshani*, J. Lugo Perez, J. Vandermeer, I. **Perfecto**. 2022. Tradeoffs and synergies among ecosystem services, biodiversity conservation, and food security in coffee agroforestry. *Frontiers in Forests and Global Change* 5: <https://doi.org/10.3389/ffgc.2022.690164>
12. Capnerhurst*, H., A. P. Fischer, and I. **Perfecto**. 2022. Invasion adaptation: A socio-ecological assessment of cherry growers' adaptation potential to spotted wing drosophila. *Human Ecology* 50(4): 711-723.
13. Vandermeer, J., J. Flores*, J. Longmeyer*, I. **Perfecto**. 2022. Spatiotemporal foraging dynamics of *Solenopsis invicta* and the spatial structure of interspecific competition. *Environmental Entomology* <https://doi.org/10.1093/ee/nvac058>
14. Anjos, D., A. Tena, V.J. Arleu, R. Carvalho, H. M. Torezan-Silingardi, K. Del-Claro, I. **Perfecto**. 2022. Global effects of ants on pest control: boosted in agroforestry. *Proceedings of the Royal Society B*. 287: 20221316 <https://doi.org/10.1098/rspb.2022.1316>
15. Li*, K. Hajian-Forooshani*, C. Su*, I. **Perfecto** and J. Vandermeer. 2022. Climate change and resistant varieties mediate critical transition in coffee rust disease. *Scientific Reports* 12: 1564 <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-022-05362-0>
16. Benitez, M., J. A. Rosell, I. **Perfecto**. 2022. Mathematical modelling and complex systems in agroecology (Editorial). *Frontiers in Sustainable Food Systems* 560. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fsufs.2022.829551>
17. Iverson*, A., R. Burham, I. **Perfecto**, N. Vandenberg* and J. Vandermeer. 2022. A tropical lady beetle, *Diomus lupusapudoves* (Coleoptera: Coccinellidae), deceives potential enemies to predate an ant-protected coffee pest through putative chemical mimicry. *International Journal of Tropical Insect Science* 42(1): 947-953. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s42690-021-00621-5>
18. Jedlicka, J. A., S.M. Philpott, M.L. Baena Hurtado, P. Bichier, T.V. Dietsch, L. Hayward, S. Langridge, I. **Perfecto**, R. Greenberg. 2021. Differences in insectivore

- bird diets in coffee agroecosystems driven by obligate or generalist guild, shade management, season, and year. *PeerJ* 9:e12296 <https://doi.org/10.7717/peerj.12296>
19. Newson*, J., J. Vandermeer and I. **Perfecto**. 2021. Differential effects of ants as biological control of the coffee berry borer in Puerto Rico. *Biological Control* 160: 104666. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.biocontrol.2021.104666>
 20. González González*, C, E. Mora Van Cauwelaert*, D. Boyer, I. **Perfecto**, J. Vandermeer, M. Benítez. 2021. High-order interactions maintain or enhance structural robustness of a coffee agroecosystem network. *Ecological Complexity* 47: 100951. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ecocom.2021.100951>
 21. Soley, F. and I. **Perfecto**. 2021. A way forward for biodiversity conservation: high quality landscapes. Submitted to *Trends in Ecology and Evolution* 36(9): 770-773. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.tree.2021.04.012>
 22. Irizarry*, A., J. A. Collazo, J. Vandermeer, and I. **Perfecto**. 2021. Coffee plantations, hurricanes and avian resiliency: insights from local occupancy, colonization and extinction rates in Puerto Rico. *Global Ecology and Conservation*, 27: e01579. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.gecco.2021.e01579>
 23. Schmitt*, L., R. Greenberg, G. Ibarra Núñez, P. Bichier, C. Gordon, I. **Perfecto**. 2021. Cascading effects of birds and bats in a shaded coffee agroforestry system. *Frontiers in Sustainable Food Systems*, 27 April, 2021. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fsufs.2021.512998>
 24. Iuliano*, B., A. Cartmill, S. Davis, A. Kerr, I. **Perfecto**. 2021 Human Dimensions: Agroecology for just and sustainable food systems. *Bulletin of the Ecological Society of America*, 102 (3): e01871. <https://doi.org/10.1002/bes2.1871>
 25. Davies et al.,... I. **Perfecto**, ... (157 authors). 2021. Forest GEO: Understanding forest diversity and dynamics through a global observatory network. *Biological Conservation* 253, 108907. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.biocon.2020.108907>
 26. Vandermeer, J., Z. Hajian-Forooshani*, N. Medina* and I. **Perfecto**. 2021. New forms of structure in ecosystems revealed with the Kuramoto model. *Royal Society Open Science*. 8: 210122 <https://doi.org/10.1098/rsos.210122>
 27. Schmitt*, L. and I. **Perfecto**. 2021. Coffee leaf litter decomposition: short term home field advantage in shaded coffee agroecosystems. *Applied Soil Ecology* 161 May 2021, 103854 <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.apsoil.2020.103854>
 28. Vandermeer, J. and I. **Perfecto**. 2020. Endogenous spatial pattern formation from two intersecting ecological mechanisms: the dynamic coexistence of two invasive ant species in Puerto Rico. *Proceedings of the Royal Society B*. 287, no. 1936 (2020): 20202214. <https://doi.org/10.1098/rspb.2020.2214>
 29. **Perfecto**, I. and J. Vandermeer. 2020. The assembly and importance of a novel ecosystem: The ant community of coffee farms in Puerto Rico. *Ecology and Evolution* 10(23): 12650-12621. (<https://doi.org/10.1002/ece3.6785>)
 30. Schmitt*, L., B. Aponte*, I. **Perfecto**. 2020. Evaluating community effects of a keystone ant, *Azteca sericeasur*, on *Inga micheliana* leaf litter decomposition in a shaded coffee agro-ecosystem. *Biotropica* 52(6): 1253-1261. <https://doi.org/10.1111/btp.12833>

31. **Perfecto**, I., Z. Hajian-Forooshani*, A. White* and J. Vandermeer. 2020. Ecological complexity and contingency: ants and lizards affect biological control of the coffee leaf miner in Puerto Rico. *Agriculture, Ecosystems and Environment* 305: 107104. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.agee.2020.107104>
32. Wagner, T. M. et al (14 authors total). 2020. Integrating agroecological production in a robust post-2020 global biodiversity framework. *Nature Ecology & Evolution* 4: 1150-1152. (<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41559-020-1262-y>)
33. Allen, D., C. W. Dick, R. J. Burnham, **I. Perfecto** and J. Vandermeer. 2020. The Michigan Big Woods Research Plot at the Edwin S. George Reserve, Pickney, Michigan. *Miscellaneous Publications of the Museum of Zoology, University of Michigan*, 207. <http://hdl.handle.net/2027.42/156251>
34. Maas, B., et al. (18 authors total) 2020. Calling on the ecology leadership to support retention and diversity among early-career scientist during COVID-19. *Nature Ecology & Evolution* June 3 (Vol 4): 997-998. (<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41559-020-1233-3>).
35. Schmitt*, L. and **I. Perfecto**. 2020. Who gives a flux? Synchronous flowering of *Coffea arabica* accelerates leaf litter decomposition. *Ecosphere* 11(7) e03186. <https://doi.org/10.1002/ecs2.3186>
36. Hajian-Forooshani*, Z., J. Vandermeer, **I. Perfecto**. 2020. Insight from excrement: invasive gastropod shift diet to consume the coffee leaf rust and its mycoparasite. *Ecology*, Early View (<https://doi.org/10.1002/ecy.2966>)
37. **Perfecto**, I. and J. Vandermeer. 2020. Antagonism between *Anolis* spp. and *Wasmannia auropunctata* in coffee farms on Puerto Rico: Potential complications of biological control of the coffee berry borer. *Caribbean Journal of Science* 50 (1): 43-47. <https://doi.org/10.18475/cjos.v50i1.a6> Highlighted in Project Biodiversify www.projectbiodiversify.org/ivette-perfecto
38. Yifan*, H., J. P. Baldivieso, A. Agrawal, **I. Perfecto**. 2019. Guardians of the forest: How should an indigenous community in Eastern Bolivia defend their land and forest under increasing political and economic pressures. *Case Studies in the Environment* November 2019 (DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1525/cse.2019.sc.946307>)
39. Vandermeer J., I. Armbrecht, A. de la Mora, K. K. Ennis, G. Fitch, D. J. Gonthier, Z. Hajian-Forooshani*, H. Hsieh, A. Iverson, D. Jackson, S. Jha, M. E. Jiménez-Soto, G. Lopez-Bautista, A. Larsen, K. Li, H. Liere, A. MacDonald, L. Marin, K. A. Mathis, I. Monagan, J. R. Morris, T. W. Y. Ong, G. L. Pardee, I. S. Rivera-Salinas, C. Vaidya, K. Williams-Guillem, S. Yitbarek, S. Uno, A. Zemenick, S. M. Philpott, **I. Perfecto**. 2019. The community ecology of herbivore regulation in an agroecosystem: Lessons from complex systems. *BioScience* 69 (12): 974-996. <https://doi.org/10.1093/biosci/biz127>
40. **Perfecto**, I., Z. Hajian-Forooshani*, A. Iverson, A. Irizarry, N. Medina*, C. Vaidya*, A. White*, J. Vandermeer. 2019. Response of coffee farms to Hurricane Maria: resistance and resilience from an extreme climatic event. *Scientific Reports* (2019) 9:15668 | <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-019-51416-1>

41. Iverson*, A., D. Gonthier*, D. Pak*, K. Ennis*, R. Burnham, I. **Perfecto**, M. Ramos Rodriguez, J. Vandermeer. 2019. A multifunctional approach for achieving simultaneous biodiversity conservation and farmer livelihood in coffee agroecosystems. *Biological Conservation* 238: 108179.
42. Vandermeer, J. and I. **Perfecto**. 2019. Hysteresis and critical transitions in coffee agroecosystems. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Science* 116 (30): 15074-15079. <https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.1902773116>
43. McCune*, N., I. **Perfecto**, K. Aviles-Vazquez, J. Vazquez-Negron, J. Vandermeer. 2019. Peasant balances and agroecological scaling in Puerto Rican coffee farmers. *Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems* 43 (7-8): 810-826 (DOI: 10.1080/21683565.2019.1608348)
44. **Perfecto**, I., M. E. Jimenez Soto, and J. Vandermeer. 2019. Coffee Landscapes Shaping the Anthropocene: A Socio-Ecological Portrait of Coffee Plantations in the Soconusco Region of Chiapas, Mexico. *Current Anthropology* 60, Supplement 20, S236-S250.
45. Blesh, J, L. Hoey, A. Jones, H. Friedmann, and I. **Perfecto**. 2019. Development pathways toward “zero hunger”. *World Development* 118: 1-14.
46. Glum*, P., G. Fitch* , M. C. Simao* , C. Vaidya* , J. Matthijs* , B. Iuliano* , I. **Perfecto**. 2019. Changes in adult sex ratio in wild bee communities are linked to urbanization. *Scientific Reports* 9, Article number 3767.
47. Kobusinge, J., H. G. Kagazi., A. Kasoma, P. Kucel, L. Nikibuule, I. **Perfecto** and W.W. Wagoire. 2018. Farmer’s knowledge of pests and diseases in the coffee-banana agroforestry systems of mid-eastern Uganda. *Journal of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences* 7(2): Abstract 12 (DOI: 10.15640/jaes.v7n2a12).
48. Allen, D., A. Strayer, C. W. Dick, I. **Perfecto** and J. Vandermeer. 2018. Scale and strength of oak-mesophyte interactions in a transition oak-hickory forest. *Canadian Journal of Forest Research* 48(11): 1366-1372.
49. Simao*, M. C., J. Matthijs* and I. **Perfecto**. 2018. Experimental small-scale floral patches increase species density but not abundance of small urban bees (Hymenoptera: Apoidea). *Journal of Applied Ecology* 55: 1759-1768.
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 “Nature’s Matrix and the Struggle for a New Agriculture,” Histories and Geographies of Planetary Environmental Emergencies Symposium, Committee on Environment, Geography and

- Urbanization (CEGU), University of Chicago, Chicago, IL (April 21, 2023).
- “Intransitivity as a Dynamic Assembly Engine of Competitive Communities,” International Forum on Advanced Environmental Science and Technology (iFAST), Institute for Environmental Geonomics, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma (virtual presentation) (April 12, 2023)
- “Using natural history and theory to understand the maintenance of ant diversity in a tropical agroecosystem,” University of California-Davis, Davis, CA (March 16, 2023).
- “Biodiversity, Coffee Production, and Dignified Livelihoods Under a Globalized Economy,” University of Michigan Poverty Solutions Lecture Series, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI (October 20, 2022).

Conference/Symposium Speaker:

- “The Matrix Matters: A New Approach for Understanding Zoonoses in Agricultural Landscapes,” Zoonoses and Land Use Systems Symposium, Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of America, Portland, OR (August 18, 2022).

Invited Workshop Speaker:

- “Biodiversity and Implications for Food Production,” National Academy of Science China-US Engagement on Sustainability: Workshop I-Sustainability and Biodiversity, National Academy of Science, Washington DC (virtual presentation) (July 28, 2022).

2021-2022

Plenary/Keynote Speaker:

- “Agriculture and the food system at a crossroads,” 2022 Linneman Lecture in Environmental Studies, Colorado College, Colorado Spring, CO (April 26, 2022)
- “Actualizando la ecología en agroecología,” Anniversary Celebration of the Agroecology Program at the Universidad Autónoma de San Luis de Potosí, San Luis de Potosí, México (February 25, 2022)

Invited Seminar Speaker:

- “No nos olvidemos de la ecología en la AgrECOLOGIA,” Innagural Symposium of the Agroecology Master Program, El Colegio de la Frontera Sur, Chiapas, Mexico (March 4, 2022)
- “Environment: An Ecological Perspective,” Panel Presentation, Michigan Society of Fellows (October 27, 2021)

Conference/Symposium Speaker:

“Zoonosis y la Matriz Agrícola,” VIII Congreso Mexicano de Ecología, Oaxaca, Mexico (May 23, 2022)

Invited Workshop Speaker:

“Biodiversity and Food Security: An Environmental Justice Lens,” Reconnecting People and Nature in the Anthropocene, Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA. (October 31, 2022)

2020-2021

Plenary /Keynote Speaker:

“Biodiversity, Agriculture and Pandemics: Perspectives from a Scholar/Activist,” Diversified Agroecosystems Research Cluster Symposium, Center for Sustainable Food Systems, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada (April 9, 2021).

“Confronting the Climate Crisis: Coffee Agroforestry and Sustainability,” Sustainability and the Climate Crisis Conference, Loyola Sustainability Research Center, Montreal, Canada (March 19, 2021).

Invited Seminar Speaker:

“Using natural history to inform the study of complex ecological systems: a case study of the coffee agroecosystem,” Departmental Seminar, Department of Ecology and Evolution, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL (April 12, 2021).

“Using natural history to inform the study of complex ecological systems: a case study of the coffee agroecosystem,” Departmental Seminar, Department of Integrative Biology, University of Texas, Austin, TX (April 5, 2021).

“Autonomous Pest Control: Natural History and Ecological Complexity in the Coffee Agroecosystem,” Departmental Seminar, Biology Department, Concordia University, Montreal, Canada (March 19, 2021).

“Natural history and complexity in Agroecosystems,” Departmental Seminar, Biology Department, Utah State University (March 3, 2021).

“Integrating conservation and agriculture to feed the world sustainable and with a social justice lens,” Ecology Center, Utah State University (March 2, 2021).

“Organization of ants in a novel ecosystem: Pest control in a coffee farm” Departmental Seminar, EEB, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (February 11, 2021).

“Complejidad ecológica y el control autónomo de plagas,” International Seminar: Agroecosistemas: Alimento, Biodiversidad y Resiliencia, México (August 13, 2020).

“Using natural history to inform the study of complex ecological systems: A case study of the coffee agroecosystem,” Departmental Seminar

Series, Entomology Department, Michigan State University
(November 2, 2020).

- 2019-2020 **Plenary /Keynote Speaker:**
“The complex ecological interactions behind your cup of coffee,” 2019
Roger E. Wilson Lecture, Miami University, Oxford, OH
(October 16, 2019).
- Invited Seminar Speaker:**
“Nature’s matrix: beyond the land-sharing land-sparing debate,” Biology
Department, Miami University, Oxford, OH. (October 17, 2019).
- 2018-2019 **Plenary /Keynote Speaker:**
“Food sovereignty: A challenge to food regimes from below,” 2019 Local
Food Summit, Slow Food Huron Valley (Feb 16, 2019).
- Invited Seminar Speaker:**
“Biodiversity conservation and agriculture: two wings of the same bird,”
Institute de Recherche pour le Développement, Marseille, France
(October 19, 2018).
- 2017-2018 **Plenary /Keynote Speaker:**
“Building sustainable food systems with agroecology,” Issues in the
Public Square, Norbert O. Schedler Honors College at the
University of Central Arkansas, Conway, AK (April 7, 2018)
“La agroecología frente al muro,” Encuentro de l@s Zapatistas y
ConCiencias para la Humanidad: La Ciencia frente al Muro.
CIDEI, San Cristobál de las Casas, Mexico (Dec 26-30, 2017)
“Sistemas diversificados en América Latina: Potencial para la
alimentación y otros servicios ecosistémicos,” Congreso
Internacional de Servicios Ecosistémicos en el Neotrópico (CISEN
V), Oaxaca, Mexico (November 14-16, 2017)
- Invited Seminar Speaker:**
“Patchy Anthropocene: Frenzies and Afterlives of Violent
Simplifications,” A Wenner-Gren Symposium, Sintra, Portugal,
“Coffee landscapes: forced simplifications on complex systems”
(September 8-14, 2017)
Center for Latin American Studies Speaker Series, University of Chicago,
“Coffee landscapes in the Anthropocene: a socio-ecological
approach of coffee in Latin America,” (February 12, 2018)
- 2016-2017 **Plenary /Keynote Speaker:**
“Land sparing and land sharing: can we have both?,” A debate with
Ben Phalan. Association of Tropical Biology and

Conservation, Annual Meeting, Merida, Mexico (July 9-14, 2017)

- “Ecología como Ciencia y como Componente de las Cosmovisiones,” Encuentro de l@s Zapatistas y las Con-Ciencias para la Humanidad, CIDEKI, San Cristobal de las Casas, México (December 26, 2016-January 4, 2017)
- “Complejidad Ecológica en el Agroecosistema de Café,” Coloquio de Ecología y Café, Universidad del Valle, Calí, Colombia (January, 19-20, 2017)

Invited Symposium Speaker:

“Sustainable Development Goals, Can ecologists Help Them Transform Our World?,” ESA Annual Meeting, Portland, OR, “Ending hunger and achieving food security through agroecology” (August 6-11, 2017)

“Eliminating the false dichotomy: the importance of human-modified landscapes for conservation plans,” ATBC Annual Meeting, Merida, Mexico, “The agroecological approach for the conservation of biodiversity at the landscape level” (July 9-14, 2017)

Invited Seminar Speaker:

Distinguished Ecologists Series, Colorado State University, “Agroecology and food sovereignty for poverty reduction and biodiversity conservation” (March 8, 2017), and “Complex ecological interaction and biological control” (March 9, 2017)

2015-2016

Plenary/Keynote Speaker:

Student Conference in Conservation Science, American Museum of Natural History, “Ecological Complexity in the Coffee Farm” (October, 2015)

Invited Symposium Speaker:

“Ecosystem services in shaded coffee systems,” Symposium on Shade Coffee: Coffee, Agroecology and Agroforestry, University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico (April, 2016)

Agroecology Symposium, Universidad de Puerto Rico, Utuado, “Complex interactions in agroecosystems: Connections among trait-mediated indirect interaction.” (April, 2016)

Invited Seminar Speaker:

“Complex ecological interactions and autonomous pest control in coffee farms,” Department of Applied Ecology, North Carolina State University, Raleigh (March, 2016)

“The ant, its hemipteran, the beetle and its parasitoid: Complex ecological interactions in a tropical agroecosystems,”
Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
(February, 2016)

2014-2015 **Plenary/Keynote Speaker:**
Manejo de Paisaje en Puerto Rico: Un Espacio de Intercambio Interdisciplinario para la Conservación y El Desarrollo Sustentable: “Agricultura y conservación de la biodiversidad: un estudio de case de los cafetales bajo sombra,” San Juan, Puerto Rico (November 6&7, 2014)

Invited Symposium Speaker:
Richard Levins Festschrift “The Truth is the Whole”: “Learning complexity through gaming,” Boston, MA (May 22-23, 2015)
TEACH-IN + 50: End the War Against the Planet, “Industrial Agriculture versus Small-Scale Agroecology: Which is Better for the Planet?” (March, 2015)
World Wildlife Fund Fuller Symposium “Whole Planet, Full Plates, Finding Ways to Feed the Planet Sustainable”: “Biodiversity and the resilience and productivity of agriculture,” Washington, DC (November 12, 2014)
ActionAid Panel at the World Food Prize Conference “Changing Course to Feed the World in 2015: Land, Biofuels and Food Systems”: “Agroecology and the future of agriculture”, Des Moines, Iowa (October 16, 2014)

Symposium Organizer:
“100 Years of Agroecology: Pushing the Frontiers of Ecology”, Ecological Society of America Annual Meeting, Baltimore (August, 2015)

Invited Seminar Speaker:
“Interacciones ecológicas complejas y el control de plagas de café,” Instituto de Ecología, Xalapa, México (June 2015)
Kellogg Biological Station, Michigan State University: “Nature’s Matrix: beyond the land sharing/land sparing debate (October, 2014)
Department Seminar of the Department of Plant, Soil and Microbial Sciences and the Department of Horticulture, Michigan State University: “Diversity in the sciences and the challenges of achieving a sustainable food system” (October, 2014)

2013-2014	TED Talk:	TEDx River Rouge, Toronto: “Embracing biodiversity and complexity on the farm.” Toronto, Canada (July, 2014)
	Plenary/Keynote Speaker:	The Color of Science II: The Innovation Potential of Relationships Networks: “Interactive networks in agroecosystems”, Berlin, Germany (March 2014) Québec Center for Biodiversity Science Annual Symposium, Montreal, Quebec: “Biodiversity, Agriculture and Food Sovereignty” (December 12-13, 2013)
	Invited Seminar Speaker:	Lectures on Latin American Conservation and Change: “Ecología, biodiversidad y aspectos sociales del cultivo de café”, University of Natural Resources of Vienna (BOKU), Vienna, Austria (March, 2014) Development Conversations Lecture Series, Center for Critical Development Studies, Department of Geography, University of Toronto, Scarborough, Canada: “A conversation between Marney Isaac and Ivette Perfecto” (March, 2014)
		Department Seminar of the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada: “Yields and biodiversity conservation: tradeoffs or synergies?” (March, 2014)
		Seminar series of the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Columbia University, NY: “Nature’s matrix: balancing production and biodiversity in agricultural landscapes” (February, 2014)
	Invited Symposium Speaker:	Science for the People Conference, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA: Science for the People in the World: “New World Agriculture and Ecology Group in Nicaragua” (April, 2014)
2012-2013	Workshop Speaker:	SESYNC Workshop on Food Security, Equity and Ecological Sustainability, Anapolis, Maryland (October 8-10, 2013)
	Plenary/Keynote Speaker:	International Women’s Coffee Alliance, III International Convention, Guatemala City, Guatemala: “Ecological complexity and biological control in coffee farms” (February 7-9, 2013)

Macalester College International Roundtable – Feeding the World:
Globalization, Food and Agriculture in the 21st Century – A Call
for Action, Macalester College, Saint Paul: “Agroecology and the
struggle for food sovereignty in a globalized world” (October 11-
12, 2012)

Invited Seminar Speaker:

Entomology Department, Cornell University, Ithaca: “Nature’s
matrix: conservation of biodiversity in agroecosystem”
(April 10, 2013)

Biology Without Borders Seminar, Cornell University, Ithaca:
“Complex ecological interactions and autonomous pest
control in a coffee agroecosystem” (April 9, 2013)

Invited Symposium or Organized Oral Session Speaker:

Ecological Society of America Annual Meeting, Minneapolis,
Minnesota, Organized Oral Session: Doing justice through
your research, “The responsibilities of ecologists:
Reflections on 30 year experience with the New World
Agriculture and Ecology Group” (August 4-9, 2013)

Ecological Society of America Annual Meeting, Minneapolis,
Minnesota, Ignite Session: Bridging the gap between basic
science and applied problem-solving, “ Playing with
ecological complexity” (August 4-9, 2013)

Association of Tropical Biology and Conservation, Annual
Meeting, San Jose Costa Rica: “Let’s play Azteca: Linking
the theory and practice of agroecology through gaming”
(June 23-27, 2013)

Workshop Speaker:

Contribution of Women to Agroecology Workshop, Tapachula,
Mexico: “ Recruitment and retention of women and
minorities in the sciences” (February 25-28, 2013)

2011-2012

Plenary/Keynote Speaker:

Annual Conference of the Society for Tropical Ecology, Erlangen,
Germany (February 22-25, 2012)

III Congress of the Latin American Scientific Society of Agroecology
(SOCLA), Oaxtepec, Morelos, Mexico.

Understanding and Managing Ecological Novelty – Towards an
Integrative Framework of the Socio-Ecological Risks of Novel
Organisms (4-6 September, 2011) Swiss Federal Institute of
Technology, University of Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland.

Invited Symposium Speaker:

Agroecology and Environmental Justice: Symposium at the Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of America, Portland, Oregon: “Greening coffee production for biodiversity conservation and socio-environmental justice in Central America” (August 6-10, 2012).

Reconciling food security, biodiversity and multiple ecosystem services in agricultural landscapes, Symposium at the Planet Under Pressure Conference, London, UK: “Agroecology, biodiversity and food security: transcending the land sparing debate” (March 25-29, 2012)

Symposium du GDR MOSAIQUE, CNRS: Evolution, Paysageres, Domestications et Agrodiversites, CNRS, Paris, France: “Ecological complexity of a biodiverse ecosystem and the ecosystem service of pest control: the case of coffee in Mexico” (December 6, 2011)

Invited Seminar Speaker:

Graduate Students Selected Speaker, Applied Biodiversity Science (IGERT) Program, Department of Ecosystem Science and Management, Texas A&M, College Station, TX

Centre d'Ecologie Functionnelle & Evolutive, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, Montpellier, France.

Depatamento de Agroecología, El Colegio de la Frontera Sur. Sa Cristobal de las Casas, Chiapas, Mexico.

2010-2011

Plenary/Keynote Speaker:

Functions and Services of Biodiversity Conference (June 20-22, 2011), George August University, Gottingen, Germany.

13th Annual Bay Area Conservation Biology Symposium, Berkeley, CA

Invited Seminar Speaker:

Food Security: How Can Science and Policy Contribute, Plant Science Center and Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, University of Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland.

Graduate Students Selected Speaker, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of California, Davis, CA
Department of Environmental Science, Policy and Management, University of California, Berkeley, CA

CSIRO, Entomology Division, Spatial Ecology Seminar, Brisbane, Australia

Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, International Center for Research in Organic Food Systems (ICROFS), Denmark (seminar in Washington DC, Danish Embassy)

“Biodiversity in the coffee agroecosystem”
Bennington College, North Bennington, VT.

Invited Workshop Participant:

Land Use Intensification and Biodiversity Conservation, CSIRO,
Ecosystem Science, Canberra, Australia.

Invited Symposium Speaker:

Semana de Seguridad Alimentaria en Puerto Rico, Universidad de Puerto
Rico, Recinto de Mayagüez, Mayagüez, Puerto Rico.

2009-2010

Plenary/Keynote Speaker:

Forum on Agroecology and the Conservation of Biodiversity,
Autonomous University of Chapingo, Mexico (June, 2010)

Invited Symposium Speaker:

Climate Justice, Ecological Society of America, Pittsburgh, PA.

Co-Organizer and Speaker-Symposium:

Global Warming, Smallholder Agriculture and Environmental Justice:
Making Critical Connections, Ecological Society of America,
Pittsburgh, PA.

Invited Seminar Speaker:

Graduate Student Selected Speaker, School of Environment and Natural
Resources, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH.

Post Doctoral Fellows

Kimberly Williams-Guillén (2006-2008)

Dr. Jarvas Queiroz (2007-2008)

Nils McCune (2017-2018)

Kevin Li (2020-2022)

Current activity:

Director of Conservation Science, Paso
Pacífico

Associate Professor, Universidad Federal
Rural de Rio de Janeiro, Seropédica, Brazil
Research Associate, Colegio de la Frontera
Sur, Chiapas, Mexico

Graduate Students

Ph.D. Students (Committee Chair)

Ph.D. Students (Committee Chair)

<i>Graduated:</i>	<i>Current activity:</i>
Dr. Patrick Christie (1999)	Associate Professor (U. of Washington)
Dr. Helda Morales (2000)	Investigador Titular A (ECOSUR, Mexico) (equivalent to Associate Professor)
Dr. Brent Blair (2002)	Associate Professor (Xavier University)
Dr. Thomas V. Dietsch (co-chair) (2003)	Migratory Bird Biologist (US Fish and Wildlife)
Dr. Inge Armbrecht (2003)	Associate Professor (Universidad del Valle, Colombia)
Dr. Stacy Philpott (co-chair) (2004)	Professor, Associate University of California, Santa Cruz
Dr. Miguel Antonio Garcia (2004)	Director Fish and Wildlife (Department of Natural Resources, Puerto Rico)
Dr. Virginia Nickerson (co-chair) 2006	Outreach Coordinator, Center for Sustainable Agriculture, University of Vermont
Dr. Brenda B. Lin (2006)	Interdisciplinary Ecologist and Science Policy Researcher (Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization [CSIRO], Australia)
Dr. Evandro do Nascimento Silva (2006)	Associate Professor and Chief of Staff of the Provost Office, Universidade Stadual Feria Santa Ana, Bahia, Brazil
Dr. Shinsuke Uno (2007)	Lecturer, Hosei University, Japan
Dr. Linda Marin (2014)	Postdoctoral Fellows, Colegio de la Frontera Sur, San Cristobal, Chiapas, Mexico
Dr. David Gonthier (2014)	Assistant Professor, University of Kentucky, Louisville, KT
Dr. Hsunyi Hsieh (2015)	Data Scientists Offices, Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences
Maria Carolina Simao (2016)	Environmental Horticulture Project Coordinator, The IR-4 Project, Rutgers School of Environmental and Biological Sciences.
Lauren Schmitt (2020)	Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Maryland

Current:

Jonathan Morris
Iris Seraeny Rivera Salinas

Former Visiting Ph.D. Students from Abroad

Lorena Soto Pinto (2000-2001, Mexico)
Ethel Peternelli (2006-2007, Brazil)
Iracenir Dos Santos (2009-2010, Brazil)

Juliana Cepeda (2012, Colombia)

Master Students (Committee Chair)

Graduated:

Maria Antonia Mallona

Janine Bologna

Patrick Christie

Brent Blair

John Soluri

David Gisaru

Dana Roth

Erika Schreder

Bruce Ferguson

Virginia Nickerson

Katie Richter

Shinsuke Uno

Alexandre Mas

Sergio Knaebel (co-chair)

Sara Cohen

Elizabeth Witt

Sandra Rodriguez

Darci Andresen

Jeremy Moghtader

Monique Barry

Katia Aviles

Hsunyi Hsieh

Saul Alarcón

Stefanie Krantz

Andrea Samulón

Claudette Juska (practicum)

Current activity:

Director of Environmental Program (Peace Corps, Nicaragua)

unknown

Associate Professor (U. of Washington)

Associate Professor (Xavier University)

Associate Professor (Carnegie-Mellon)

unknown

Southwest Assistant Regional Director for Science Applications, Landscape Conservation Cooperative, US Fish and Wildlife

Staff Scientist, Washington Toxics Coalition, Seattle, Washington

Investigador Titular A, ECOSUR, Mexico (equivalent to Associate Professor)

Outreach Coordinator, Center for Sustainable Agriculture, University of Vermont

Laboratory technician, School of Public Health, UM

Lecturer, Hosei University, Japan

Director of Strategic Partnerships, The Nature Conservancy

Program Officer, David and Lucile Packard Foundation

Department of Conservation and Recreation, State of Massachusetts

Environmental Lawyer

Northwest Account Manager/Integrated Promotions, RadyMade Magazine

Farm Manager, Campus Farm University of Michigan

Ford Motor Company

Director, Office of Model Forest, Puerto Rico

Data Analyst, Belgium

Wildlands Program Manager, Wildcoast

Wildlife Biologist, Garcia and Associates

Rainforest Action Network

Cynthia Koenig (practicum)	
Mariana Alvarez (practicum)	
Lorcan French (practicum)	
Katie Goodall	Faculty, School for Field Studies
Casey Taylor	Assistant Professor, School for Field Studies
Jesse Lewis	Independent artist and filmmaker.
Julie Cotton	Academic Specialist in Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems, MSU
Geoffrey Michael	Manager and co-owner of Big Sky Recording Studio
Heather Briggs	Postdoctoral Fellow, Harvard University
Bob Barretto	PhD student University of Hawaii
Andy MacDonald	Assistant Research Faculty UC Santa Barbara
Kate Ennis	Postdoctoral Fellow student at University California, Berkeley
Stacy Mates	Nursery Manager, Ann Arbor Seed Company, Ann Arbor
Jane Skillman (2014)	Data Analysis, Ducks Unlimited
Jane Ramfert (2014)	Laboratory Technician, Univ. of Wisconsin
Kevin Li (2015)	PhD student, Georg August Universität, Göttingen, Germany
Kaleigh Fisher (2016)	Postdocotral Fellow, University of California, Riverside
Elisabeth Dorgay (2016)	PhD student, University of Michigan
Jonnathan Morris (2016)	PhD student, National University of Singapore
Zu D. Tan (2016)	
Lillie Kline (2016)	Procurement, Zingermans
Hailey Schurr (2016)	Instructor, Eastern Michigan University
Eliot Jackson (2017)	PhD student, Tulane University
Bolivar Aponte (2018)	Program Manager, Savanna Institute, WI
Jessica Robinson (2018)	PhD student, Temple University, PA
Austin Martin (2019)	Farmer, KT
Sarah Barney (2019)	PhD student, University of Michigan
Iris Seraeny Rivera Salinas (2019)	Wisconsin Tribal Conservation Advisory Council, WI
Princejonathan Pruitt (2019)	
Ardra Venugopal (2019)	
Linnea Carver (2019)	
Kris Harmon (2019)	
Fern MacDougal (2019)	Biodiversity Scientists, Rainforest Connection, PR
Hagan Capnerhurst (2020)	PhD student, UC Berkeley, CA
Jannice Newson (2020)	Lecturer, Washtenaw Community College, MI
	Founder and CEO of Lilian Augusta

Isabella Mayorga (2021)	Coordinator of Education, San Francisco Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, CA
Juan Chung (thesis)	Climate Justice Director, Michigan Environmental Justice Coalition, MI
Seneca Lee (thesis)	Natural Science Coordinator, Sunday Manufacturing, CO
Chenyang Su (thesis)	PhD Student, Dartmouth University
Dana Van Huis (project)	Volunteer for MN350, MN
Andriana Miljanic	Managing Consultant, Guildhouse, NY
Teresa Dorado	Applied Farmscape Ecology Program Coordinator, Hudson Valley Farm Hub, NY
Ember Bradbery	PhD student at Colorado State University, CO

Master Students (Committee Chair)

Current:

Xochyl Pérez (thesis)
 Ariana Bautista (thesis)
 Caitlin Vigneau (thesis)
 Ylexia Padilla (project)
 Carson Brown (practicum)

Master Project (Faculty Advisor)

Completed:

“Toward a Sustainable Food System in Washtenaw County, Michigan” (2004)

Michael diRamiro
 Adam Martin
 Beth Murphy
 Lea Katz
 Garry Davis
 Kanako Horigome

“Eating Our Way to a Sustainable Future: Developing a Local Food System in Southeastern Michigan” (2006)

Laura E. Kaminski
 Deirdra Stockmann
 Ann J. Vail
 Ken Anderson
 Karl Buck

“Re-examining the relationship between conservation and community in Jamaica’s Blue and John Crow Mountains National Park: Managing for sustainability” (2008)

Anna Ruszai
 Jesse Worker
 Elizabeth Nellums
 Jesse Lewis
 Danielle Gartner

“Expanding Food Bank Impacts” (2015)	Alice Bowe Kelsea Ballantyne Rebecca Baylor Jana Miller
“Assessing the performance of a small-scale agroforestry projects in Nicaragua” (2016)	Beth Dorgay Rachel Muelle Andrew Klooster
“Conservation and economic vitalization through silvopastures in Nicaragua” (2017)	Lillie Kline John Andreoni Astrid Santiago Alex Truelove
(Co-advise with Catherine Rinseng) “Bijagual river watershed, Costa Rica: Improving watershed health and engaging local communities in monitoring and outreach” (2018)	Wenyang Mu Audry Pallmeyer Walker Stinnette Brad Weiss
(co-advise with José Alfaro and John Vandermeer) “Biomass Residue Fueled Micro-Grid for a Rural Community in Puerto Rico” (2019)	Davied Cordero Michelle Farhat Gabriela Porras Princejonathan Pruitt Bret Fickes Selim Sardag
(co-advise with José Alfaro and John Vandermeer)	“Biomass Residue Fueled Micro-Grid for a Rural Community in Puerto Rico” (2020) Muzna Raheel Stephen Barr Juan Chung

Undergraduate Honor Thesis Advisees

Joseph Mascaro
Jackie Silverman
Alex Bajcz
Maria Estelí Jímenez Soto (Universidad de Chapingo)

Other Undergraduate Advisees

Zachary Hajian-Forooshani

Ryan Kuesel
Raymond Balaguer (University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez)
Magdalena Cruz

Courses

Undergraduate:

ENVIRON 270: Our Common Future: The Ecology, Economics and Ethics of Sustainable Development

ENVIRON 281: General Ecology

ENVIRON 316: Introduction to Food Systems

ENVIRON 318: Food, Land and Society

ENVIRON 319: Study Abroad component of Food, Land and Society

Graduate:

NRE 556: Field Ecology

NRE 553: Diverse Farming Systems in Theory and Practice

NRE 639: Graduate Seminar on Biodiversity in Agroecosystems; Graduate Seminar on Food Sovereignty

Professional Affiliations

Ecological Society of America; American Association for the Advancement of Science; Association of Tropical Biology and Conservation; Latin American Studies Association; International Union for the Study of Social Insects.

Editorial Duties

Review Editor for:

EcoHealth (2010 to present)

Journal of Sustainable Agriculture (2010 to present)

Ecology (2011 to present)

Ecological Monographs (2011 to present)

Myrmecological News (2012 to present)

Specialty Chief Editor for Agroecology and Ecosystem Services for:

Frontiers in Sustainable Food Systems

Member of the Editorial Board of the British Ecological Society

Cambridge University Press Ecological Reviews Book Series

Member of the International Advisory Board of:

Journal of Peasant Studies

Guest editor for:

Sustainability (Special issue on sustainability and urban agriculture)

Manuscripts Reviewed for:

Proceeding of the National Academy of Science, Ecology Letters, Proceedings of the Royal Society B, Climate Change, Nature, Nature Sustainability, Science, Biotropica, Bulletin of Entomological Research, Nature, Ecological Entomology, Environmental Entomology, American Naturalist, Behavioral Ecology and Sociobiology, Conservation Biology, Ecology, Ecological Applications, Science, Oecologia, Oikos, Basic and Applied Ecology, Canadian Entomology, Biological Control, Agriculture Ecosystems and Environment, Ecologia Austral, Insectes Sociaux, Natural Resources and Society, Manejo Integrado de Plagas, Renewable Agriculture and Sustainable Food Systems, Agriculture and Forest Entomology, PLoS One, BioScience, Biological Conservation

Grants Reviewed for:

National Science Foundation, National Geographic Society, Organization of Tropical Studies, Pacific Rim Research Program of the University of California, Office of the Vice President for Research of the University of Michigan, US Department of Agriculture, Latin American and Caribbean Studies Program, University of Michigan. Regular panel member for the NSF-Ecology Panel.

Other Professional Activities

Coordinator for the Conservation Ecology Field of Study, SNRE (2014-present)

Coordinating Leading Author of the International Assessment of Agricultural Knowledge, Science and Technology (IAASTD) 2006-2008

Track Chair for the Environmental Issues and Environmental Justice Track for the Latin American Association (LASA) 2006 Annual Meeting.

Secretary and Treasurer for the Agroecology Section of the Ecological Society of America (2001-2003)

Member of the New World Agriculture and Ecology Group

Member of Science for the People

Outreach and Other Activities

- Executive Board Member: Institute for Research and Action in Agroecology (ILEA), PR (2020-present)
- Executive Board Member: Pesticide Action Network-North America (2000-2002)
- Executive Board Chair: Pesticide Action Network North America (2003-2004)
- Lead author on the International Assessment of Agriculture, Science, Knowledge and Technology for Development (IAASTD) report (2005-2009)
- Participated as keynote speaker at the Sustainable Agricultural Commission of La Via Campesina (2010 in Malaga, Spain)
- Member for 40 years of the New World Agriculture and Ecology Group (NWAEG)
- Member of Science for the People (1980-1989); Member Editorial Board of the Science for the People Magazine (1983); Participant and speaker at the History of Science for the People Conference, Amherst, MA (2014); Co-organizer of the National Convention for the rebirth of Science for the People, Ann Arbor (2018)
- Co-organizer of the Teach-in +50: End the War Against the Planet, a week's celebration of the 50th anniversary of the nation's first teach-in about the war against Vietnam (2015)

- Collaborate with Dr. Luis Garcia Barrios and John Vandermeer in the development of the educational board game “Azteca Chess”, that communicates the concept of ecological complexity in agroecosystems (2016-present)
- Co-organizer of the University of Michigan’s Bicentennial Celebration “The University’s Future: Confronting the Climate Crisis” (2017) Elected Fellow of Food First! (2018 to present)
- Participant for three consecutive years in BioBlitz D-Town Farm (2015-2017)
- Co-organizer and participant for three consecutive years of Eco-Dia in Finca Irlanda, Mexico (2017-2019)
- Invited participant and speaker for two consecutive years at the ConCiencias for Humanity, a science conference organized by the Zapatistas in Chiapas, Mexico (2017-2018)
- Faculty Advisory Board Member: University of Michigan’s Ginsberg Center for Community Engagement (2018-present)
- Circular Economy collaborative project with Casa Pueblo, a community grassroots organization in Puerto Rico that promotes “autogestion comunitaria”.
- Executive Board Member: Institute for Research and Action in Agroecology (Puerto Rico) (2019-present)