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### Current Position

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Jan 2020 – Present     **Alexander von Humboldt Postdoctoral Research Fellow**  
*GEOMAR Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research Kiel (hosted by Dr. Elizabeta Briski)*

**Visiting Scholar**  
*Queen's University Belfast*

**Honorary Research Associate**  
*South African Institute for Aquatic Biodiversity*

### Education & Employment History

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Sep 2016 – Dec 2019     **Ph.D.** Biological control of *Culex* mosquitoes using multiple predators  
*Queen's University Belfast/University of Reading (supervised by Prof. Jaimie T.A. Dick, Dr. Neil Reid and Prof. Amanda Callaghan)*  
 Pass

Feb 2019 – Aug 2019     **Visiting Ph.D. Research Fellow**  
 Sep 2017 – Apr 2018     *South African Institute for Aquatic Biodiversity*  
 Ecological impacts of invasive fish; biological control agent screening from ephemeral pond ecosystems

Oct 2018 – Nov 2018     **Visiting Ph.D. Research Fellow**  
*CEREEP-Ecotron Île-de-France*  
 Abiotic context-dependencies of invasive fish interaction strengths

Jun 2018 – Sep 2018     **Visiting Ph.D. Research Fellow**  
*University of Reading*  
 Behavioural responses of mosquitoes to natural enemies; impacts of microplastics in freshwater ecosystems

- Sep 2014 – Sep 2016     **M.Sc. Ecological Management and Conservation Biology**  
*Queen's University Belfast*  
Pass with Distinction (82 %)  
Research Project: Invasive aquatic macrophytes: Invasion risk modelling and chemical control viability for *Lagarosiphon major*
- Feb 2015 – Aug 2016     **Positional Improvement Quality Control Operator**  
*Land and Property Services, Dept. of Finance Northern Ireland*  
Digitisation and analysis of land registry using Geographical Information Systems (GIS); managing performance of team of staff
- June 2014 – Aug 2014     **Mapping and Charting Officer**  
*Land and Property Services, Dept. of Finance Northern Ireland*  
Digitisation of agricultural boundaries using GIS
- Sep 2011 – Sep 2014     **B.Sc. (Hons) Geography**  
*Queen's University Belfast*  
First Class (73 %)  
Research Project: Investigating the distribution and environmental impacts of the invasive intertidal cordgrass *Spartina anglica*

## Research Interests & Background

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I am an experimental ecologist with broad interests surrounding biotic interactions and environmental change. In particular, I focus on the implications of environmental modulations for consumer-resource interaction strengths, and consequently the outcomes for ecosystem stability. I have a wide range of skills, from field-based methodologies conducting surveys and sampling, to laboratory experiments and analyses. I also possess strong quantitative skills surrounding the development and use of statistical models to answer complex ecological questions. During my Honours and Masters research, I applied a range of field and laboratory methodologies to understand the impacts of invasive species, including ecological surveys, alongside geochemical and ecotoxicity analyses. In addition, I have applied my skillset in both academic and applied settings, having been employed in a managerial position within a spatial analysis domain during my Masters degree. During my Ph.D., I applied and developed my skillset to address questions relating to the biotic resistance of natural enemies towards pests, disease vectors and invasive species. A major focus of this work involved quantifying biotic interaction strengths relevant to natural enemy selection in order to facilitate effective target population regulation, particularly in the context of mosquito-borne disease. Most recently, I have been examining the interplays between environmental change and biological invasions, and developing measures of invasive species economic costs. My research has hitherto combined field and laboratory experiments with cutting-edge statistical techniques to aid the inference of species interactions, and has ecological, economic and public health relevance. In addition, I have developed novel metrics for stakeholders and practitioners to quantify ecological impacts under shifting environmental contexts, particularly surrounding the coupling of functional and numerical responses. I am involved in a wealth of collaborative projects with researchers both nationally and internationally, as evidenced by my strong publication record.

## Papers Published or In Press

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### 2020

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85. Crane, K. †, **Cuthbert, R.N.\* †**, Ricciardi, A., Kregting, L., Coughlan, N.E., MacIsaac, H.J., Reid, N., Dick, J.T.A. 2020. Gimme Shelter: Differential utilisation and propagule creation of invasive macrophytes by native caddisfly larvae. *Biological Invasions*, in press.
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## Research Grants & Funding

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### 2019

- G and M Williams fund: £2000 to support research at Queen's University Marine Laboratory into quantifications of predator-predator interactions.
- Irish Marine Institute travel grant: £1000 to support conference networking and travel costs.
- G and M Williams fund: £1000 to support research at Queen's University Marine Laboratory into mosquito biocontrol using botanical derivatives.
- Rhodes University Postdoctoral Fellowship: offered £21,000 postdoctoral funding; *not accepted*.
- Groupe de Recherche Interuniversitaire en Limnologie (GRIL) and Liber Ero (co-funding) Postdoctoral Fellowship at McGill University: offered £60,000 postdoctoral funding; *not accepted*.
- Alexander von Humboldt Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship at GEOMAR Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research Kiel: offered £88,000 postdoctoral funding; *accepted*.

### 2018

- European AQUACOSM Transnational access project (CEREPP-Ecotron ÎleDeFrance): £20,000 to conduct mesocosm-based research to examine the ecological impacts of existing and emerging invasive aquatic species under ranging environmental contexts.

## 2017

- William and Betty MacQuitty travel grant: £1000 to support research concerning mosquito biological control and ephemeral pond trophic interactions at the South African Institute for Aquatic Biodiversity.

## 2016

- Department for the Economy (DfE) Northern Ireland studentship: offered £58,000 PhD funding (Biological mosquito control using multiple predators: *accepted*)
- Department for the Economy (DfE) Northern Ireland studentship: offered £58,000 PhD funding (The impacts of permafrost degradation on boreal ecosystems in the central Northwest Territories, Canada: *not accepted*)
- Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) IAPETUS studentship: offered £82,000 PhD funding (Valuing neo-native species: Is naturalised Scots pine a threat or benefit for climate resilience?: *not accepted*).

## 2014

- Queen's University Belfast (QUB) postgraduate scholarship: £2500 to undertake M.Sc. Ecological Management and Conservation Biology.
- Estyn Evans Prize: £100 for submitting the best undergraduate dissertation in B.Sc. Geography.

## Research Skills

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**Field experience-** Survey sampling design and implementation; GPS and map reading; undertaking ecological fieldwork in both temperate and tropical regions; biomonitoring of freshwaters; field techniques for invertebrates (gravid trapping, sweep netting; kick sampling); field techniques for ichthyology (seine netting, fyke netting; snorkel surveying); experience in captive breeding of insects and crustaceans as well as cultivation of aquatic macrophytes.

**Laboratory skills-** Design and execution of predator-prey dynamics experiments; geochemical analyses (scanning electron microscopy; loss-on-ignition); ecological sample processing for biomonitoring; ecotoxicology experiments; taxonomy and identification of insects and crustaceans; parasite load quantifications; collection and husbandry of animals (particularly aquatic invertebrates).

**Data analysis-** R-package (frequent: lme4, frair, emmeans, ggplot2, car, betareg, ordinal, ape); statistical model assumptions and selection; functional response analyses; species distribution modelling; ArcGIS; Spatial Studio; ImageJ; InkScape; SPSS.

**Interpersonal skills- Leadership/Management skills:** Throughout my career, I have developed excellent leadership and management skills across both academic and industrial

backgrounds. I have managed projects, demonstrated and supervised students at both Honours and Masters level, and led teams to meet targets in industrial settings.

Team work: Although I am highly capable of working independently, much of my work has been collaborative, involving expertise from academics across the globe. Further, I have experience in participating within and leading teams during both field and laboratory work in both temperate and tropical regions. I feel I am a strong team-player, and that this is an essential attribute for the success of research projects.

Communication: I have a lot of experience in communicating to both specialist and non-specialist audiences, across both written and verbal mediums. I believe that this is an essential element of any piece of research in order to increase scope and impact, and for wide dissemination of results.

## Teaching & Supervision

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**Teaching-** Masters, Current Topics in Marine Ecology module (M.Sc. Biological Oceanography, GEOMAR): lecture and seminar.

Undergraduate, Level 1 Biodiversity module (B.Sc. Biological Science, Queen's University Belfast): demonstrating in field and laboratory practicals.

**Supervision-** Involved in the overseeing of seven Honours (four B.Sc. Biological Sciences, Queen's University Belfast; one B.Sc. Biological Sciences, University of Reading; one B.Sc. Conservation Biology, University of Venda; one B.Sc. Biological Sciences, Senckenberg) projects and three Masters (one M.Sc. Ecological Management and Conservation Biology, Queen's University Belfast; two M.Sc. Environmental Science, University of Venda) projects, including experimental design and implementation, data analyses and thesis writing. Also supervised the summer project of one Nuffield Foundation placement student at Queen's University Belfast.

## Selected Press

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“Reading study finds 'new pathway' for plastic pollution”, BBC

“Mosquitos are eating plastic and contaminating food chains, according to new research”, The Telegraph

“Microplastics can spread via flying insects, research shows”, The Guardian

“Mosquitoes eating microplastics raise fears of pollution harming birds and bats”, Independent, UK

“Microplastics may enter foodchain through mosquitoes”, Phys

“Microplastics are introduced into the food chain by mosquitoes and other flying insects that eat the waste when they hatch in water, scientists warn”, Daily Mail

“Microplastics may enter food chain through mosquitoes”, The Straits Times

“Mosquitoes are eating plastic and spreading it to new food chains”, New Scientist

“Mosquitoes may be contaminating ecosystems with tiny bits of plastic”, Science Magazine

“Mosquitoes are eating plastic. Why that's a big problem”, CNBC

*This particular research was picked up by 63 news outlets in total.*

“New directions in mosquito control”, SAIAB Features

## **Additional Experience & Qualifications**

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- Full, clean UK driving licence.
- Conversational Spanish, French and German.
- First Aid at Work certification (St John Ambulance, 2017).
- Academic writing for science (QUB, 2016).
- Demonstrator course (QUB, 2016).
- Taxonomic course for plants, bats and birds (QUB, 2015).
- Advanced GIS course (QUB, 2014).

## **Professional Activities**

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- Reviewer for *Global Change Biology, Conservation Biology, Diversity and Distributions, Science of The Total Environment, Marine Biology, Biological Invasions, Global Ecology and Conservation, Ecology, PeerJ, Ecological Entomology, BioInvasions Records, Aquatic Invasions, Biological Control, Aquaculture Research, Journal of Fish Biology and Journal of Vector Ecology*.
- Guest Editor for special issue in *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, November 2019 – November 2020.
- Hosted workshop on statistical approaches for consumer-resource modelling at Queen’s University Belfast, November 2019.
- Participated in INVACOST workshop to quantify invasive species economic costs at University of Paris Saclay, November 2019.
- Participated in invasive species horizon scanning exercise for island of Ireland at IT Sligo, April 2017.
- Member of British Ecological Society.
- Member of Society for Vector Ecology.
- Member of Environmental Science Association of Ireland.
- Member of Irish Ecological Association.
- Member of European Mosquito Control Association.
- Member of Entomological Society of America.

## **Conference Presentations**

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**Salinity and geographic origin mediate global alien amphipod invasions** (September, 2020), NeoBiota conference, Vodice, Croatia

**Biotic resistance from native predators predicts mosquito invasion success and informs biocontrol strategies** (October, 2019), International Conference on Aquatic Invasive Species, Montreal, Canada.

**Towards improved quantifications of interaction strengths in temporary ponds** (July, 2019), Zoological Society of Southern Africa conference, Skukuza, South Africa

**Intermediate predator naïveté and sex-skewed vulnerability predict the impact of an invasive higher predator** (September, 2018), NeoBiota conference, Dublin, Ireland.

**Biological control of the emerging mosquito problem in the UK and Ireland** (April, 2017), ENVIRON conference, Athlone, Ireland.

## **Referees**

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