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Current & Incoming Positions

Mar 2022 – Feb 2025 **Leverhulme Early Career Fellow**
Queen's University Belfast

Jan 2020 – Present **Alexander von Humboldt Postdoctoral Research Fellow**
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Visiting Scholar
Queen's University Belfast

Honorary Research Associate
South African Institute for Aquatic Biodiversity

Education & Employment History

Sep 2016 – Dec 2019 **Ph.D. Biological Sciences**
 Biological control of *Culex* mosquitoes using multiple predators
Queen's University Belfast & University of Reading
 Supervisors: Prof. Jaimie T.A. Dick & Prof. Amanda Callaghan
Pass (ungraded)

Feb 2019 – Aug 2019 **Visiting Ph.D. Research Fellow**
 Sep 2017 – Apr 2018 *South African Institute for Aquatic Biodiversity*
 Invasive fish impacts; mosquito biological control agent screening

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

- Jun 2018 – Sep 2018 **Visiting Ph.D. Research Fellow**
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 %)
Project: Invasive aquatic macrophytes: Invasion risk modelling and chemical control viability for *Lagarosiphon major* (83 %)
- 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 and updating of agricultural boundaries using GIS
- Sep 2011 – Sep 2014 **B.Sc. (Hons) Geography**
1st Class (73 %)
Project: Investigating the distribution and environmental impacts of the invasive intertidal cordgrass *Spartina anglica* (80 %)

Research Interests & Background

I am an ecologist with broad interests surrounding the effects of global change on ecosystems, economies and societies. I particularly focus on the implications of environmental changes for trophic interaction strengths, mostly considering biological invasions and biocontrol. My research enables delivery of diverse, cutting-edge teaching and supervision to undergraduate and postgraduate students. My skillset spans field-based methodologies conducting surveys and sampling, to laboratory experiments, analyses and development of statistical tools. Most recently, I have been examining the interplays between environmental change and biological invasions, and developing measures of invasive species economic costs to sectors such as agriculture. 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 to facilitate effective biocontrol, particularly in the context of mosquito-borne disease. During my Masters and Honours research projects, 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 in industry. 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

h-index = 17; m-index = 5.7; i10-index = 38; total citations = 1036 (as of October 2021)

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2021

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111. Haubrock, P.J.*†, **Cuthbert, R.N.†**, Yeo, D., Banerjee, A.K., Liu, C., Diagne, C., Courchamp, F. 2021. Biological invasions in Singapore and Southeast Asia: data gaps fail to mask potentially massive economic costs. *NeoBiota*, 67: 131–152. (Special Issue)
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variables on macroinvertebrate community assemblages in subtropical reservoirs. *Chemistry and Ecology*, 37: 419–436.

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Research Grants, Funding & Prizes

2022 – 2025: **Leverhulme Trust Early Career Fellowship** at Queen’s University Belfast: offered £118,000 postdoctoral funding: *accepted*.

2020 – 2022: **Alexander von Humboldt Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship** at GEOMAR Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research Kiel: offered £88,000 postdoctoral funding: *accepted*.

2020 – 2022: **Rhodes University Postdoctoral Fellowship**: offered £21,000 postdoctoral funding; *not accepted*.

2020 – 2022: **Groupe de Recherche Interuniversitaire en Limnologie (GRIL) and Liber Ero (co-funding) Postdoctoral Fellowship** at McGill University: offered £60,000 postdoctoral funding; *not accepted*.

2019: **G and M Williams fund**: £2000 to support research at Queen’s University Marine Laboratory into quantifications of multiple predator interactions.

2019: **Irish Marine Institute travel grant**: £1000 to support conference networking and travel costs.

2019: **G and M Williams fund**: £1000 to support research at Queen’s University Marine Laboratory into mosquito biocontrol using botanical derivatives.

2018: **European AQUACOSM transnational access** project (CEREEP-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 (co-lead).

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 – 2019: **Department for the Economy (DfE) Northern Ireland studentship**: offered £58,000 PhD funding (Biological mosquito control using multiple predators: *accepted*).

2016 – 2019: **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*).

2016 – 2020: **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.

2014: **Estyn Evans Prize:** £100 for submitting the best undergraduate dissertation in B.Sc. Geography.

Research Skills

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, invacost); statistical model assumptions and selection; functional response analyses; species distribution modelling; econometric models; 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 non-academic backgrounds. I have managed projects, demonstrated and supervised students at both undergraduate and postgraduate 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

Teaching

Masters, Advanced Practical Course in Biological Oceanography module (M.Sc. Biological Oceanography, GEOMAR): several lectures, seminars and 3-week practical project supervision (lead).

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

Ph.D.

2021 – present

Victoria Cairnduff (Queen's University Belfast)

2021 – present

Ismael Soto Almena (University of South Bohemia)

M.Sc.

2021 – present

Masimini Nkosi (University of Mpumalanga)

2020 – present

Cindy Martinez (GEOMAR Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research Kiel)

2020 – present

Takalani Netshituni (University of Venda)

2020 – present

Fradiani Makherana (University of Venda)

2019

Fearghail Armstrong (Queen's University Belfast) (paper published)

B.Sc.

2020 – 2021

Nora Theurich (GEOMAR Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research Kiel)

2020 – 2021

Theresa Stolefaut (Senckenberg)

2019

Shane O'Hara (Queen's University Belfast (paper published))

2019

Rotondwa Sithagu (University of Venda) (paper published)

2019

Francesca Della Valle (University of Reading)

2018

Gareth Meehan (Queen's University Belfast)

2017

Conchur Hughes (Queen's University Belfast)

2017

Ryan McGrotty (Queen's University Belfast)

Selected Press and Media

Invasive species

Interview with Nicola Weir on agricultural impacts from invasions, **BBC Radio Ulster** (08/2021)

Interview with Frank Mitchell on UK invasion costs, **U105** (07/2021)

“Non-native species cost Europe over 116 billion Euros from 1960 to 2020” **Phys** (07/2021)

“Invasive species have cost Australia \$390 billion in the past 60 years, study shows” **ABC News** (07/2021)

“Pest plants and animals cost Australia around \$25 billion a year – and it will get worse” **The Conversation** (07/2021)

“Ryegrass, fire ants and feral cats: major Australian study identifies costliest pests in past 60 years” **The Guardian** (07/2021)

“Invasive species including the grey squirrel and Japanese knotweed have cost the UK economy more than £5 BILLION over the past 50 years, experts predict”, **Daily Mail** (07/2021)

“Invasive species have cost UK at least £5bn since 1970s, study reveals”, **The Guardian** (07/2021)

“QUB research shows invasive species cost UK economy £5 billion”, **Belfast Telegraph** (07/2021)

“Invasive species cost UK economy ‘more than £5bn over past 50 years’”, **Express and Star** (07/2021)

“Invaders in our waters: at what cost?”, **World Fishing and Aquaculture** (06/2021)

“Teure Eindringlinge”, **Der Spiegel** (04/2021)

“Invasive Arten kosten Milliarden”, **Kieler Nachrichten** (04/2021)

“Eingeschleppte Wasserbewohner sorgen für enorme Schäden”, **Weiner Zeitung** (04/2021)

“Teure Wassertierchen”, **Sued Deutsche Zeitung** (04/2021)

“Invasive Arten richten massiven Schaden an”, **n-tv** (04/2021)

“Milliardenschäden durch eingewanderte Arten”, **Frankfurter Zeitung** (04/2021)

“Aquatic invasive species cause damage worth billions of dollars”, **Phys** (04/2021)

“Aquatic invasive species cause damage worth billions of dollars”, **EurekAlert** (04/2021)

The above invasion costs research was picked up by > 200 news outlets in total.

Microplastics

“Reading study finds 'new pathway' for plastic pollution”, **BBC** (09/2018)

“Mosquitos are eating plastic and contaminating food chains, according to new research”, **The Telegraph** (09/2018)

“Microplastics can spread via flying insects, research shows”, **The Guardian** (09/2018)

“Mosquitoes eating microplastics raise fears of pollution harming birds and bats”, **Independent** (09/2018)

“Microplastics may enter foodchain through mosquitoes”, **Phys** (09/2018)

“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** (09/2018)

“Microplastics may enter food chain through mosquitoes”, **The Straits Times** (09/2018)

“Mosquitoes are eating plastic and spreading it to new food chains”, **New Scientist** (09/2018)

“Mosquitoes may be contaminating ecosystems with tiny bits of plastic”, **Science Magazine** (09/2018)

“Mosquitoes are eating plastic. Why that's a big problem”, **CNBC** (09/2018)

The above microplastics research was picked up by > 60 news outlets in total.

Biocontrol

“New directions in mosquito control”, **SAIAB Features** (07/2018)

Professional Activities

Associate Editor: *Marine Biology* (2021 – present).

Reviewer: *Global Change Biology, Conservation Biology, Diversity and Distributions, Science of The Total Environment, Biology Letters, Freshwater Biology, Marine Biology, Biological Invasions, Ecology and Evolution, 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: *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health* (November 2019 – November 2020).

Invited Guest Researcher: Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin (October, 2021, one-week)

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 Entomological Society of America (2018–2020).

Member of Society for Vector Ecology (2018–2019).

Member of Environmental Science Association of Ireland (2017–2018).

Member of Irish Ecological Association (2017–2018).

Member of European Mosquito Control Association (2016–2017).

Conference Presentations

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.

(excluding 30+ presentations as a co-author).

Additional Experience & Qualifications

Full, clean UK driving licence.

Conversational Spanish, French and German.

Demonstrator course (QUB, 2016).

Advanced GIS course (QUB, 2014).

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