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## EDUCATION

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- 2010-2016      **Ph.D. Biological Sciences**, University of Illinois, Chicago, IL  
Field of Study: Ecology and Evolution  
Thesis: Evaluating the impacts of invasive plants on the forest-floor food web  
Advisor: David H. Wise
- 2006-2010      **B.A. Biology**, North Central College, Naperville, IL

## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

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- 2021-            Assistant Professor of Global Change Biology  
Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Research Faculty  
Department of BioSciences, Rice University, Houston, TX
- 2020             Ford Foundation Postdoctoral Research Fellow  
Yale University, New Haven, CT  
Advisor: Dr. Oswald Schmitz
- 2017-2019      National Science Foundation Research Fellow in Biology  
University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI  
Advisors: Drs. Claudio Gratton, Randall Jackson, and Anthony Ives

## PUBLICATIONS

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**McCary, M.A.**, M.D. Kasprzak, J.C. Botsch, D. Hoekman, R.D. Jackson, and C. Gratton. *In press*. Aquatic insect subsidies influence microbial composition and processing of detritus in near-shore subarctic heathland. *Oikos* DOI: 10.1111/oik.08032.

Yitbarek, S., K. Bailey, S. Tyler, J. Strickland, **M.A. McCary**, and N. Harris. *In press*. Inclusive sustainability approaches in common-pool resources from the perspective of blackologists. *Bioscience* DOI: 10.1093/biosci/biab052.

**McCary, M.A.**, and O.J. Schmitz. *In press*. Invertebrate functional traits and terrestrial nutrient cycling: insights from a global meta-analysis. *Journal of Animal Ecology* DOI: 10.1111/1365-2656.13489.

**McCary, M.A.**, R.D. Jackson, and C. Gratton. 2021. Vegetation structure modulates ecosystem and community responses to spatial subsidies. *Ecosphere* 12: e03483.

**McCary, M.A.**#, J.S. Phillips#, T. Ramiadantsoa, L.A. Nell, A.R. McCormick, and J.C. Botsch. 2021. Transient top-down and bottom-up effects of resources pulsed to multiple trophic levels. *Ecology* 102: e02593. # equal contribution

**McCary, M.A.**, and D.H. Wise. 2019. Plant invader alters soil food web via changes to fungal resources. *Oecologia* 191: 587-599.

Hoekman, D., **M.A. McCary**, J. Dryer, and C. Gratton. 2019. Reducing allochthonous resources in a subarctic grassland alters arthropod food webs via predator diet and density. *Ecosphere* 10: e02593.

**McCary, M.A.**, M. Zellner, and D.H. Wise. 2019. The role of plant-mycorrhizal mutualisms in deterring plant invasions: insights from an individual-based model. *Ecology and Evolution* 9: 2018-2030.

**McCary, M.A.**, E. Minor, and D.H. Wise. 2018. Covariation between local and landscape factors influences the structure of ground-active arthropod communities in fragmented metropolitan woodlands. *Landscape Ecology* 33: 225-239.

**McCary, M.A.**, R. Mores, M. Farfan, and D.H. Wise. 2016. Invasive plants have different effects on trophic structure of green and brown food webs in terrestrial ecosystems: a meta-analysis. *Ecology Letters* 19: 328-335.

**McCary, M.A.**, J.C. Martinez, L. Umek, L. Heneghan, and D.H. Wise. 2015. Effects of woodland restoration and management on the community of surface-active arthropods in the metropolitan Chicago region. *Biological Conservation* 190: 154-166.

## AWARDS, HONORS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

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2020	Ford Foundation Postdoctoral Research Fellowship (\$50,000), Forestry and Environmental Science, Yale University (Advisor: Dr. Oswald Schmitz)
2017-2019	NSF Postdoctoral Research Fellowship in Biology (\$207,000), Department of Entomology, UW
2016	Dean's Scholar Graduate Fellowship (\$22,000), Graduate College, UIC

- 2015-2016 Graduate Research Fellowship (\$10,000), Department of the Institute for Environmental Science and Policy, UIC
- 2016 Biological Sciences Travel Award (\$800), Department of Biological Sciences, UIC
- 2016 LAS Graduate Travel Award (\$800), College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, UIC
- 2014-2015 Award for Excellence in Teaching (\$100), General Ecology Lab (BIOS 331), Department of Biological Sciences, UIC
- 2014 Elmer Hadley Graduate Research Award (\$600), Department of Biological Sciences, UIC
- 2013-2014 Abraham Lincoln Graduate Fellowship (\$25,000), Graduate College, UIC

## RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

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### **Invited symposium presentations:**

**M.A. McCary.** 2019. Aquatic insects alter terrestrial ecosystems: lessons from subarctic Iceland. *Recent Approaches to Studying Invertebrate Responses to Rapid Environmental Change*, Entomological Society of America Meeting, St. Louis, MO.

**M.A. McCary.** 2018. Emergent aquatic insects alter plant composition and litter decomposition: lessons from subarctic Iceland. *Wisconsin Ecology Fall Symposium*, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI.

**M.A. McCary.** 2017. A mechanistic model to explain how plant-mycorrhizal disruptions can lead to invasion success: implications for biodiversity conservation and management. *Linking Management, Biodiversity, and Ecosystem Services Via Mechanistic Models*, Ecological Society of America Meeting, Portland, OR.

**M.A. McCary.** 2016. Consequences of invasion: evaluating how invasive alien plants alter the structure of food webs in woodland ecosystems. *Invaders in Food Webs: Using Trophic Structure to Predict Invasibility and Invader Impact*, Ecological Society of America Meeting, Fort Lauderdale, FL.

**M.A. McCary.** 2015. The cascading effects of invasive alien plants on the structure of belowground food webs in woodland ecosystems. *Invasive Plant Symposium: Biotic Interactions with Invasive Species*, Annual North Weed Science Society, Indianapolis, IN.

**M.A. McCary.** 2013. The Chicago Wilderness Land Management Program: a long-term evaluation of restoration management in the U.S. Midwest. *New Science in Response to Perennial Challenges: Social Ecological Research in the Chicago Wilderness Region and Its Implications for Regional Restoration*, Fifth World Conference on Ecological Restoration, Madison, WI.

**Invited research seminars:**

**M.A. McCary.** 2021. Department of Ecology and Evolution. Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ.

**M.A. McCary.** 2021. Department of Ecology, Evolution, and Organismal Biology, Kennesaw State University, Marietta, GA.

**M.A. McCary.** 2021. Department of Biology and Biochemistry, University of Houston, Houston, TX.

**M.A. McCary.** 2020. Department of Ecology, Evolution, and Marine Biology, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA.

**M.A. McCary.** 2020. Department of Entomology, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS.

**M.A. McCary.** 2020. School of the Environment, Yale University, New Haven, CT.

**M.A. McCary.** 2019. Department of BioSciences, Rice University, Houston, TX.

**M.A. McCary.** 2019. Department of Botany, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI.

**M.A. McCary.** 2019. Department of Biology, Pittsburgh University, Pittsburgh, PA.

**M.A. McCary.** 2019. Department of Biology, Lawrence University, Appleton, WI.

**M.A. McCary.** 2019. Center for Limnology, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI.

**M.A. McCary.** 2018. Department of Entomology, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN.

**M.A. McCary.** 2018. Department of Natural and Applied Sciences, University of Wisconsin, Green Bay, WI.

**M.A. McCary.** 2018. Department of Entomology, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI.

**M.A. McCary.** 2015. Elmer Hadley Research Fund. University of Illinois, Chicago, IL.

Heneghan, L., L. Umek, **M.A. McCary**, J.C. Martinez, and D.H. Wise. 2013. DePaul University, Chicago, IL.

Wise, D.H., L. Heneghan, **M.A. McCary**, and J.C. Martinez. 2013. Chicago Wilderness Wild Things Conference, Chicago, IL.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- Fall 2017      Co-Instructor, Basic and Applied Insect Ecology Lab (ENTO 451), Department of Entomology, U.W. (1 semester)
- 2014-2016      Teaching Assistantship, General Ecology Lab (BIOS 331), Department of Biological Sciences, UIC (4 semesters)
- 2012-2013      Teaching Assistantship, Biology of Populations and Communities (BIOS 101), Department of Biological Sciences, UIC (2 semesters)
- 2010-2011      Teaching Assistantship, Biology of Cells and Organisms (BIOS 100), Department of Biological Sciences, UIC (2 semesters)
- Fall 2009      Laboratory Assistant, Botany, Department of Biology, NCC, Naperville, IL (1 semester)

## GUEST LECTURER

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**McCary, M.A.** 2020. Insects in Conservation. *Restoration Ecology*, University of Rhode Island, RI.

**McCary, M.A.** 2019. Insect food webs and litter decomposition. *Soil Science*, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI.

**McCary, M.A.** 2017. Decomposition and ecosystem services. *Basic and Applied Insect Ecology Lecture*, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI.

**McCary, M.A.** 2015. Meta-analysis of ecological studies. *Analyzing Ecological Data*, University of Illinois, Chicago, IL.

**McCary, M.A.** 2015. Surviving in an urban landscape: evaluating the impacts of human activity on soil invertebrates. *Soil Ecology*, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL.

**McCary, M.A.** 2015. Life as a young scientist: school, teaching, and research. *Science Alumni Workshop*, North Central College, Naperville, IL.

**McCary, M.A.** 2013. How to be a successful biology student in college. *Introductory Biology*, Bremen High School, Midlothian, IL.

## MENTORING EXPERIENCE

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**Primary mentor:**

David Castillo (UIC), Christopher Guimney (UIC), Ibraheem Oguntade (UIC), Raed Oweisi (UIC), Ann Sabir (UIC), Heather Tran (UIC), DeVondre Juzang (UIC), and Devon Pierret (U.W.)

**Co-mentor:**

Natalie Schmer (U.W.), Kristin Book (Emory University), Jennifer Harris (Wellesley College), Abigail Lewis (Pomona College), Kelvin Chen (Post-undergraduate), Karen Jorgenson (Post-undergraduate), Aspen Ward (Post-undergraduate), and Bethany Smith (Post-undergraduate)

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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Associate Editor: Biological Invasions (August 2020 – present)

Manuscript reviewer: *Ecology and Evolution, Soil Biology and Biochemistry, Ecosystems, Scientific Reports, Biology Letters, Ecological Modelling, Restoration Ecology, Landscape Ecology, Basic and Applied Ecology, Oikos, Ecology, Ecology Letters, Biological Invasions, Journal of Insect Conservation, Soil, Food Webs*

Grant reviewer: National Science Foundation – Division of Environmental Biology, Women in Science National Fellowship Program.

Officer: Ecological Society of America (ESA) Black Ecologist Section Co-founding officer

Member: Wisconsin Ecology Executive Committee at UW-Madison (2018-2019)