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POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, Stanford University, 9/2019 - present
Hanna H. Gray Fellow, HHMI, 9/2017 - present
Junior Fellow, Harvard Society of Fellows, 7/2016 - 8/2019
Postdoctoral researcher, Columbia University, 2/2016 - 1/2017

EDUCATION

BA (Phi Beta Kappa), Reed College, Portland, Oregon, 2005 - 2009.
PhD, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, 2011 - 2016
Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, February 2016

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2021 Alfred P. Sloan Fellowship
2020 Alden H. and Winifred Brown Faculty Fellow, Stanford University
2019 Rosalind Franklin Young Investigator Award, Genetics Society of America
2018 Atwood colloquium: Rising Star in Evolutionary Biology
2017 Theodosius Dobzhansky Prize, Society for the Study of Evolution
2016 NSF Postdoctoral Research Fellowship in Biology (*declined*)
2015 Helen Hay Whitney Postdoctoral Fellowship (*declined*)
2013 Walbridge Award, Princeton Environmental Institute
2013 Student Research Award, Society for Animal Behavior
2013 Vern Parish Award, American Livebearer Association
2012 Graduate Research Award, Society for Systematic Biology
2012 Rosemary Grant Award, Society for the Study of Evolution
2011-2016 Centennial Fellowship in the Sciences and Engineering
2011-2014 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship
2009 Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology, Best Student Poster
2007 James F. and Marion L. Miller Foundation Research Award Recipient
2007 Goldwater Scholarship

GRANTS

2020 HFSP Young Investigator Grant - Chance or curse? The consequences of hybridization in a changing world (Lead Investigator)
2019 NIH R35 - The population genomics of hybridization: from adaptation to genome evolution (Principal Investigator)
2018 ECR Catalyst grant - Linking deforestation to *Schistosoma* hybridization and low parasite clearance (Co-Investigator)
2017 L'Oréal USA for Women in Science Fellow
2017 Hanna H. Gray Fellow - Howard Hughes Medical Institute
2017 Harvard University Milton Fund Awardee

PUBLICATIONS

⁺Corresponding author

*Co-first authors

§Co-supervised work

Lab member

28. Powell, D., Payne, C.P., Banerjee, S., Keegan, M., Bashkirova, E., Cui, R., Andolfatto, P., Rosenthal, G. §, **Schumer, M.** ^{§+} 2021. The Genetic Architecture of Variation in the Sexually Selected Sword Ornament and Its Evolution in Hybrid Populations. *Current Biology* <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cub.2020.12.049>. §co-supervised
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26. Powell, D. ⁺, Moran, B., Kim, B., Banerjee, S., Aguillon, S.M., Fascinetto-Zago, P., Langdon, Q., **Schumer, M.** ⁺ 2020. Two new hybrid zones expand the swordtail hybridization model system. *bioRxiv*. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1101/2020.11.18.389205>. In revision at *Molecular Ecology*.
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24. **Schumer, M.** ⁺, Powell, D., Corbett-Detig, R. ⁺ 2020. Versatile simulations of admixture and accurate local ancestry inference with mixnmatch and ancestryinfer. *Molecular Ecology Resources* <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/1755-0998.13175>.
23. Mateos M, Du K, Klopp C, Parrinello H, Garcia M, **Schumer, M.**, Jue N, Guiguen Y, Scharl M. 2019. Draft genome assembly and annotation of the Gila topminnow *Poeciliopsis occidentalis*. *Frontiers in Ecology & Evolution* doi: <https://doi.org/10.3389/fevo.2019.00404>.
22. **Schumer, M.** ⁺, Xu, C., Powell, D., Durvasula, A., Skov, L., Holland, C., Blazier, J.C., Sankararaman, S., Andolfatto, P., Rosenthal, G.G.R., Przeworski, M. ⁺ (2018) Natural selection interacts with recombination to shape the evolution of hybrid genomes. *Science* doi: 10.1126/science.aar3684.
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21. Rosenthal, G.G.R, **Schumer, M.**, Andolfatto, P. (2018) Letter: How the manakin got its crown: A novel trait that is unlikely to cause speciation. *PNAS* doi: <https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.1804061115>.
20. **Schumer, M.** ⁺, Rosenthal, G.G.R., Andolfatto, P. (2017) What do we mean when we talk about hybrid speciation? *Heredity* doi:10.1038/s41437-017-0036-z.
2018 Editor's choice
19. **Schumer, M.** ⁺, Powell, D., Cui, R., Delclos, P., Squire, M., Andolfatto, P., Rosenthal, G. (2017) Assortative mating and persistent reproductive isolation in hybrids. *PNAS* doi: 10.1073/pnas.1711238114.

18. Baker, Z.*, **Schumer, M.***, Haba, Y., Holland, C., Rosenthal, G., Przeworski, M. (2017) Repeated losses of PRDM9-directed recombination despite the conservation of PRDM9 across vertebrates. *eLife* doi: 10.7554/eLife.24133. *co-first authorship
17. Cui, R., Delclos, P., **Schumer, M.**, Rosenthal, G. (2017) Early social learning triggers neurogenomic expression changes in a swordtail fish. *Proceedings Royal Society B* doi: 10.1098/rspb.2017.0701.
16. **Schumer, M.**, Brandvain, Y. (2016) Determining epistatic selection in admixed populations. *Molecular Ecology* doi: 10.1111/mec.13641.
15. **Schumer, M.**⁺, Cui, R., Powell, D., Rosenthal, G., Andolfatto, P. (2016) Ancient hybridization and genomic stabilization in a swordtail fish. *Molecular Ecology* doi: 10.1111/mec.13602.
14. Cui, R., **Schumer, M.**, Rosenthal, G. (2016) Admix'em: A flexible framework for forward-time simulations of hybrid populations with selection and mate choice. *Bioinformatics* doi: 10.1093/bioinformatics/btv700.
13. **Schumer, M.**^{**}, Cui, R.*, Rosenthal, G., Andolfatto, P. (2015) simMSG: an experimental design tool for high-throughput genotyping of hybrids. *Molecular Ecology Resources* doi: 10.1111/1755-0998.12434. *co-first authorship
12. Ghosh, R., Bloom, J.S., Mohammadi, A., **Schumer, M.**, Andolfatto, P., Ryu, W., Kruglyak, L. (2015) Genetics of Intra-Species Variation in Avoidance Behavior Induced by a Thermal Stimulus in *Caenorhabditis elegans*. *Genetics* doi:10.1534/genetics.115.178491.
11. **Schumer, M.**⁺, Cui, R., Rosenthal, G., Andolfatto, P. (2015) Reproductive isolation of hybrid populations driven by genetic incompatibilities. *PLoS Genetics* doi:10.1371/journal.pgen.1005041.
10. **Schumer, M.**⁺, Cui, R., Powell, D., Dresner, R., Rosenthal, G., Andolfatto, P. (2014) High-resolution Mapping Reveals Hundreds of Genetic Incompatibilities in Hybridizing Fish Species. *eLife* doi: <http://dx.doi.org/10.7554/eLife.02535>.
Featured in: Science News
The Naked Scientists podcast
9. **Schumer, M.**⁺, Rosenthal, G., Andolfatto, P. (2014) How common is homoploid hybrid speciation? *Evolution* doi:10.1111/evo.12399.
8. Culumber, Z. W., **Schumer M.**, Monks S., Tobler M. (2014) Environmental heterogeneity generates opposite gene-by-environment interactions for two fitness-related traits within a population. *Evolution* doi: 10.1111/evo.12574.
7. Cui, R., **Schumer, M.**, Kruesi, K., Walter, R., Andolfatto, P., Rosenthal, G. (2013) Phylogenomics reveals extensive reticulate evolution in *Xiphophorus* fishes. *Evolution* 67:2166-2179.
6. Renn, S.C.P. and **Schumer, M.** (2013) Genetic accommodation and behavioral evolution: insights from genomic studies. *Animal Behavior* 85: 1012-1022.
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5. **Schumer, M.⁺**, Cui, R., Boussau, B., Walter, W., Rosenthal, G., Andolfatto, P. (2012) An evaluation of the hybrid speciation hypothesis for *Xiphophorus clemenciae* based on whole genome sequences. *Evolution* 67: 1155-1168.
4. Zhen, Y., Aardema, M.L., Medina, E.M., **Schumer, M.**, Andolfatto, P. (2012) Parallel molecular evolution in a herbivore community. *Science* 337:1634-1637.
3. **Schumer, M.⁺*, Birger, R.⁺*, Tantipathananandh, C., Aurisano, J., Maggioni, M., Mwangi, P. (2012) Infestation by a Common Parasite is Correlated with Ant Symbiont Identity in a Plant-Ant Mutualism. *Biotropica* 45: 276-279. *co-first authorship**
2. **Schumer, M.**, Krishnakant, K., and Renn, S.C.P. (2011) Comparative gene expression profiles for highly similar aggressive phenotypes in male and female cichlid fishes (*Julidochromis*). *Journal of Experimental Biology* 214:3269-3278.
1. Spengler, M., Kuropatwinski, K., **Schumer, M.** and Antoch, M. (2009) A serine cluster mediates BMAL1-dependent CLOCK phosphorylation and degradation. *Cell Cycle* 8:24, 4138-4146.

INVITED TALKS AND SEMINARS

- 2021** The genetic basis of a lethal incompatibility between hybridizing swordtail species. Keynote speaker: Behavior, Ecology, and Evolution of Poeciliid Fishes.
- 2020** The tangled tree of life: examining the genetic consequences of hybridization. Colorado State University, Biology Department Seminar.
- 2020** Ecological and genetic drivers of hybrid incompatibility. University of Texas at Austin, Integrative Biology Department Seminar.
- 2020** Genetic architecture of a naturally occurring hybrid incompatibility. Center for Evolutionary and Human Genomics Symposium, Stanford University.
- 2020** Genetic architecture of a naturally occurring hybrid incompatibility. Hopkins Marine Station Departmental Seminar.
- 2020** Ecological and genetic drivers of hybrid incompatibility. University of California at Santa Cruz, Ecology & Evolution Department Seminar.
- 2019** Genetic architecture of a naturally occurring hybrid incompatibility. University of California at Berkeley, Computational Biology Seminar.
- 2019** Unraveling the tangled web: the evolutionary impact of hybridization. University of California at Berkeley, Museum of Vertebrate Zoology Department Seminar.
- 2019** Genetic architecture of a naturally occurring hybrid incompatibility. University of Michigan, Department of Ecology and Evolution Seminar.
- 2019** Genetic architecture of a naturally occurring hybrid incompatibility. University of California at Davis, Population Biology Department Seminar.
- 2019** Hybridization and evolution: from genes to genomes. Instituto Gulbenkian de Ciencia Departmental Seminar, Lisbon, Portugal.
- 2019** The origin and evolution of a hybrid incompatibility. From mutation to speciation. Collège de France, Paris, France.
- 2019** Evolution of the hybrid genome: insights from swordtail fish. Biology Departmental Seminar, University of Rochester.
- 2019** Natural selection on hybrid genomes: insights from swordtail fish. Biology Departmental Seminar, Duke University (Graduate student selected speaker)

- 2019** The origin and evolution of a hybrid incompatibility. Speciation Gordon Research Conference, Ventura, California (Invited speaker - Along the speciation continuum symposium)
- 2019** Genome evolution in replicated hybrid zones. Ecology & Evolution Departmental Seminar, Yale University.
- 2019** Evolution of the hybrid genome: insights from swordtail fish. Biology Departmental Seminar, University of Maryland.
- 2018** Selection shapes the hybrid genome. Biology Departmental Seminar, Texas A&M University.
- 2018** Evolution and reproductive isolation in hybrid populations. Ecology & Evolution Departmental Seminar, Texas A&M University.
- 2018** The evolution of hybrid genomes and populations: insights from swordtail fish. Evolution 2018, Montpellier, France (Invited speaker – Hybridization symposium).
- 2018** The evolution of hybrid genomes and populations: insights from swordtail fish. Atwood Colloquium series at University of Toronto.
- 2017** Hybridization shapes the evolution of genomes and species: insights from swordtail fish. Dobzhansky award talk, Evolution 2017.
- 2017** Selection shapes hybrid genome evolution: insights from swordtail fish. Gordon Research Conference 2017.
- 2017** Natural selection and local recombination rates shape the genome evolution of swordtail hybrids. Biology of Genomes 2017.
- 2016** Hybridization shapes the contemporary evolution of swordtail fish. Biodiversity seminar series at University of British Columbia.
- 2016** Hybridization shapes the evolutionary history of swordtail fish. Biology department seminar at Brooklyn College.
- 2015** Hybridization, selection, and speciation in swordtail fish. Center for Population Biology at University of California at Davis.
- 2015** Hybridization, selection, and speciation in swordtail fish. Eawag aquatic research group, Lucerne, Switzerland.
- 2015** Reproductive isolation of hybrid populations driven by genetic incompatibilities. New York Area Population Genomics Workshop 2015.
- 2014** The role of hybrid incompatibilities in hybrid zone structure. Evolution 2014.
- 2014** High-resolution mapping reveals hundreds of genetic incompatibilities in hybridizing fish species. Biology of Genomes 2014.
- 2013** The genetic architecture of reproductive isolation between naturally hybridizing species. Texas A&M University.
- 2013** Genome-wide analysis of replicate hybrid zones between the swordtail fish *Xiphophorus birchmanni* and *X. malinche*. Evolution 2013.
- 2011** Comparative gene expression profiles for highly similar aggressive phenotypes in male and female cichlid fishes. Behavior 2011.

REVIEWING

Science, eLife, PLoS Genetics, Nature Ecology & Evolution, Nature Communications, Current Biology, PNAS, Evolution, Molecular Ecology, Journal of Evolutionary Biology, Trends in Ecology & Evolution

TEACHING

Biology 85 – Evolution: 2021-present. Introductory Evolution course for Stanford undergraduates.

Building Up Developing Scientists (BUDS): 2021-present. Course focused on working with undergraduates to navigate their first research experiences in Biology and build skill sets necessary for research careers.

OUTREACH

Biology Preview Program: Co-organizer, 2020-present. Developed a new workshop focused on increasing representation of underrepresented groups in science in Stanford's Biology PhD program. This program invites prospective students from diverse backgrounds to participate in a two-day workshop on navigating the application process, connecting with faculty, communicating their research, among other topics.

Aspiring Student Program: Science program instructor, 2018-2019. Developing lab-based activities for high school students and implementing them in Spanish at a language center with students from East Boston High School. These activities included dissecting owl pellets, testing herbicide resistance in wild type and round-up resistant soybeans, tracking the *Drosophila* life cycle, and culturing bacteria from swabs taken around the center.

Prison Teaching Initiative: Instructor and course leader, 2012-2016. This program offers college-level courses to prison inmates to help them earn their associate's degree while in prison. Courses taught include environmental science (four semesters, two semesters as course leader) and plant ecology and evolution (three semesters).

Teach for America: 6th grade science teacher in Clarksdale, MS, 2009-2011.