

# Kelsey M. Yule

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## EDUCATION

### University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ, USA

- Ph.D. in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology with Minor in Statistics 2012 – 2018
  - Dissertation: Mistletoe-vector-host interactions:  
From within-host processes to population genetic structure
  - Advisor: Dr. Judith Bronstein

### Rice University, Houston, TX, USA

- B.S. in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology 2008 – 2011
  - *summa cum laude*
  - Advisors: Dr. Jennifer Rudgers & Dr. Thomas E.X. Miller

## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

### Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, USA

- NEON Biorepository Project Manager 2019 – present
  - Biocollections and Biodiversity Knowledge Integration Center
  - School of Life Sciences

### Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, USA

- Postdoctoral Research Associate 2018 – 2019
  - Department of Integrative Biology
  - Supervisor: Dr. Gideon Bradburd

## PUBLICATIONS

### REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- [5] **Yule, KM**, and JL Bronstein (2018) Intrapopulation size and mate availability influence reproductive success of a parasitic plant, *Journal of Ecology*, 106(5): 1972-1982
- [4] **Yule, KM**, and JL Bronstein (2018) Reproductive ecology of a parasitic plant differs by host species: vector interactions and the maintenance of host races, *Oecologia*, 186(2): 471-482
- [3] **Yule, KM**, JAH Koop, NM Alexandre, LR Johnston, and NK Whiteman (2016) Population structure of a vector-borne plant parasite, *Molecular Ecology*, 25(14): 3332-3343
- [2] **Yule, KM**, TEX Miller, and JA Rudgers (2013) Costs, benefits, and loss of vertically transmitted symbionts affect host population dynamics, *Oikos*, 122(10): 1393-1400
- [1] **Yule, KM**, JM Wooley, and JA Rudgers (2011) Water availability alters the tri-trophic consequences of plant-fungal symbiosis, *Arthropod-Plant Interactions*, 5(1): 19-27

### IN REVISION

- [1] **Yule, KM**, CA Johnson, JL Bronstein, and R Ferrière. Interactions among interactions: The dynamical consequences of antagonism between mutualistic guilds.

### IN PREPARATION

- [2] **Yule, KM**. Selection works to maintain host-associated differentiation in parasite reproductive timing only in sympatry.
- [1] **Yule, KM**, CA Johnson, and R Ferrière. The influence of genetic architecture, constraints, and intraspecific density dependence on the adaptive dynamics of life-history traits.

## EXTERNAL GRANTS

- **National Science Foundation, Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, co-PI** 2016 – 2018
  - \$ 19,955
  - PI: Dr. Judith Bronstein
  - Title: Reinforcement of reproductive isolation of parasitic plant host races
- **American Society of Naturalists, Student Research Award** 2016
  - \$ 2,500
- **Arizona Native Plants Society, Ginny Saylor Research Grant** 2016
  - \$ 2,000

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Society for the Study of Evolution, Rosemary Grant Award for Graduate Student Research</b> 2014 \$ 1,500</li> </ul>
<b>FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS &amp; INTERNAL GRANTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>PEO International, PEO Scholar Award</b> 2017 \$15,000</li> <li>▪ <b>National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship</b> 2012 – 2017 Ecology \$ 100,000</li> <li>▪ <b>University of Arizona Graduate &amp; Professional School Council Grants</b> 2013 – 2017 \$ 6,225 in total</li> <li>▪ <b>University of Arizona College of Science Galileo Circle Scholar</b> 2014 &amp; 2016 \$ 4,000 in total</li> <li>▪ <b>University of Arizona, Darwin-Wallace Biodiversity Scholar Award</b> 2015 \$ 1,000</li> <li>▪ <b>University of Arizona, Ecology &amp; Evolutionary Biology Summer Research Fellowship</b> 2013 \$ 1,000</li> <li>▪ <b>Ecological Society of America, Plant Population Ecology Section Travel Award</b> 2013 \$ 500</li> <li>▪ <b>National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship</b> 2011 Population and Community Biology, <i>declined</i> \$ 90,000</li> <li>▪ <b>Rice University Clark P. Read Award</b> 2011 Excellence in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology</li> <li>▪ <b>Rice University Trustee Distinguished Scholarship</b> 2008 – 2011 \$ 40,500</li> <li>▪ <b>Rice University Undergraduate Scholars Program</b> 2010 – 2011 \$ 2,000</li> <li>▪ <b>National Science Foundation Research Experience for Undergraduates</b> 2010 Mountain Lake Biological Station</li> <li>▪ <b>Rice University Undergraduate Summer Research Award</b> 2009 \$ 2,000</li> </ul>

**TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE**

	<b>Tohono O’odham Community College, Sells, AZ, USA</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Invited Lecturer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Natural History of the Southwest and Environmental Biology</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	2018
	<b>University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ USA</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Invited Lecturer &amp; Curriculum Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introductory Biology II Laboratory, Online Course</li> <li>• Advanced Statistics Seminar</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Graduate Teaching Assistant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ecology</li> <li>• Introductory Biology II Laboratory</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	2017 2015 2012 & 2016 2013
	<b>Rice University, Houston, TX USA</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Undergraduate Teaching Assistant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introductory Biology</li> <li>• Ecology</li> <li>• Elementary Applied Statistics</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	2011 2010 2009 – 2010

**SELECTED  
ACADEMIC  
PRESENTATIONS**

	<b>INVITED</b>	
	[3] <b>Yule, KM</b> and JL Bronstein (2015) Reproductive phenology of a parasitic plant differs with host species. Phenological Research and Observations of Southwest Ecosystems (PROSE) Symposium. Tucson, AZ, USA.	
	[2] <b>Yule, KM</b> , JAH Koop, NM Alexandre, and NK Whiteman (2015) Genetic structure of parasite populations: The role of vectors, hosts, and mutualists. Pepinière interdisciplinaire CNRS-PSL "Eco-Evo-Devo": Frontiers in Ecology and Evolution. Paris, France.	

- [1] **Yule, KM**, CA Johnson, and R Ferrière (2014) The indirect effects of antagonism between species with a shared mutualist: A case study on the ecological and evolutionary dynamics of a plant-pollinator-seed disperser food web module. Eco-Evolutionary Mathematics Seminar at École Normale Supérieure. Paris, France.

#### CONTRIBUTED

- [12] **Yule, KM** (2018) Host association and environment determine population genomic structure of a parasitic plant through reproductive traits. Evolution. Montpellier, France.
- [11] **Yule, KM** and JL Bronstein (2017). Intrapopulation size and mate composition influence the reproductive success of a parasitic plant. Evolution. Portland, OR, USA.
- [10] **Yule, KM** and JL Bronstein (2016) The maintenance of host-associated differentiation in a vector-borne parasitic plant. Evolution, American Society of Naturalists Spotlight Session “The Evolution of Species Interactions.” Austin, TX, USA.
- [9] **Yule, KM** (2016) Host species effects on desert mistletoe (*Phoradendron californicum*). The Tri-National Sonoran Desert Symposium. Ajo, AZ, USA.
- [8] **Yule, KM**, CA Johnson, and R Ferrière (2016) Integrating genetic architecture and density dependence to understand the evolution of life history. The American Society of Naturalists. Asilomar, CA, USA.
- [7] **Yule, KM**, JAH Koop, NM Alexandre, and NK Whiteman (2015) Host associated differentiation and host switching by a parasitic plant are mediated by mutualist vectors. Evolution. Guaraja, Brazil.
- [6] **Yule, KM**, CA Johnson and R Ferrière (2014) Indirect interactions in a system involving mutualism and antagonism: A model of pollinator-disperser antagonism. Ecological Society of America. Sacramento, CA, USA.
- [5] **Yule, KM** and JL Bronstein (2013) Reproductive biology of a mutualist-vectored parasitic plant differs with host species. Research Insights in Semiarid Environments (RISE) Symposium. Tucson, AZ, USA.
- [4] **Yule, KM** and JL Bronstein (2013) Reproductive biology of a mutualist-vectored parasitic plant differs with host species. Ecological Society of America. Minneapolis, MN USA.
- [3] Parmenter, RR, RW Oertel, TS Compton, S Kindschuh, M Peyton, W Meyer, C Caldwell, GZ Jacobi, O Myers, M Zeigler, M and **KM Yule** (2012) Fire and floods in the Valles Caldera National Preserve, New Mexico: The 2011 Las Conchas Fire impacts on montane species diversity and food webs. Ecological Society of America. Portland, OR, USA.
- [2] **Yule, KM**, TEX Miller, and JA Rudgers (2011) Costs, benefits, and loss of vertically transmitted symbionts affect host population dynamics. Ecological Society of America. Austin, TX, USA.
- [1] JA Rudgers, Clay K, and **KM Yule** (2010) Grass-endophyte symbioses alter plant-herbivore-natural enemy interactions, Ecological Society of America. Pittsburgh, PA, USA.

#### PRESENTATIONS FOR THE PUBLIC

- [3] **Yule, KM** (2018) Using desert mistletoe to understand host-parasite interactions. Philanthropic Education Organization (PEO). SaddleBrooke, AZ, USA.
- [2] **Yule, KM** (2016) Desert mistletoe: A misunderstood, but beneficial native plant. Arizona Native Plants Society. Tucson, AZ, USA.
- [1] **Yule, KM** (2013) The ecology of desert mistletoe: an emblem of the Sonoran Desert. Arizona Sonoran Desert Museum. Tucson, AZ, USA.

#### PUBLICATIONS FOR THE PUBLIC

- [2] **Yule, KM** (2016) The evolution of desert mistletoe host races: What we know and what questions remain. The Plant Press (The Arizona Native Plants Society) 29(1): 7-9.
- [1] **Yule, KM** (2016) Desert mistletoe: A misunderstood native plant. Newsletter of the Friends of Ironwood Forest Spring 2016: 1-3.

#### MENTORSHIP

**Tucson Magnet High School Biotechnology Program Mentor**, Tucson, AZ, USA

- Seneca Blank 2016 – 2018
  - Awards: 1st place in High School Plant Sciences at The Southern Arizona Research, Science, and Engineering Foundation and selected to attend the International Science and Engineering Foundation Fair, and recipient of a \$2,000 University of Arizona scholarship based on her project

**University of Arizona, Senior Honors Thesis Mentor, Tucson, AZ, USA**

- Nico Lorenzen 2014 – 2015
  - Awards: Outstanding Senior Award for both the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology and the Department of Neuroscience
  - Currently studying Ecology in Helsinki, Finland

**University of Arizona Research Mentor, Tucson, AZ, USA**

- Caitlin Davey 2017
- Emerson Martin 2017
- Alexandra Pond 2016
  - Currently in Forest Service Pathways Recent Graduate Program
- Elyse May 2015
  - Currently a science teacher in Phoenix, AZ, USA
- James Berry 2015
  - Currently a graduate student in Applied Biosciences at University of Arizona
- Nicolas Alexandre 2013 – 2014
  - Co-author as an undergraduate on publication and presentations
  - Currently a PhD student in Integrative Biology, University of California- Berkeley
- Meghan Iacueli 2013 – 2014
  - Currently a student in Industrial Engineering at Arizona State University
- Victoria Eudy 2013
- Michelle Gradall 2013

**Pima Community College Research Mentor, Tucson, AZ, USA**

- Peter Rice 2012
  - Transferred to University of Arizona where he received a B.S. in Microbiology

**OUTREACH & SERVICE**

- **Conservation, education, and advocacy Non-profit** 2014 – present
  - Board Member for Friends of Ironwood Forest
- **Science in the media** 2017
  - Interviews and field trip guidance with members of national press outlets regarding research conducted in and preservation of Ironwood Forest National Monument
- **Society award judge** 2016
  - Judge for Don Abbott Postdoc Research Award, The American Society of Naturalists
- **Contribution to local flora project** 2016
  - Provided input for “From Ajo Peak to Tinajas Altas: Flora of Southwestern Arizona” by R. S. Felger and S. Rutman
- **Science fairs** 2014 – 2017
  - Grand Awards Judge at the Southern Arizona Research, Science, and Engineering Foundation (SARSEF) Regional Fair
  - Judge at Flowing Wells High School and Tucson Magnet High School fairs
- **Elementary school outreach** 2013
  - Volunteer for Insect Discovery, an elementary school education program at University of Arizona
- **Departmental service**
  - Postdoctoral representative to the Integrative Biology seminar organization committee, Michigan State University 2018 – 2019
  - Organized and led weekly seminar and discussion group on current topics in eco-evolutionary dynamics at University of Arizona 2014
  - Judge at Ecology & Evolutionary Biology Undergraduate Research Poster Session, University of Arizona 2013 – 2016
  - Co-organizer of the Ecology & Evolutionary Biology Prospective Graduate Recruitment Weekend, University of Arizona 2013

- WORKSHOPS**
- **Cyverse-iPlant** 2016
  - **Joint MBI-NIMBioS-CAMBAM Summer Graduate Workshop** 2013
    - Connecting Biological Data with Mathematical Models
- JOURNALS REFEREED** Biocontrol, Ecosphere, Evolution, Global Change Biology, Mathematical Biosciences, Plant Ecology
- PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES** American Society of Naturalists, Arizona Native Plants Society, Ecological Society of America, Society for the Study of Evolution, The Next Generation Sonoran Desert Researchers
- REFERENCES**
- **Judith Bronstein**
    - Ph.D. advisor
    - University Distinguished Professor of Ecology & Evolutionary Biology at University of Arizona
    - judieb@email.arizona.edu
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  - **Noah Whiteman**
    - Associate Professor of Integrative Biology at University of California, Berkeley
    - whiteman@berkeley.edu
  - **Régis Ferrière**
    - Associate Professor of Ecology & Evolutionary Biology at University of Arizona
    - Professor of Eco-Evolutionary Mathematics at École Normale Supérieure
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  - **Gideon Bradburd**
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