

Department of
**Ecology and Evolutionary
Biology**



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Spring
Graduates **2018**

The Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology
is proud to announce the program completion of
its spring graduates.

Congratulations and best wishes to our alumni.

Doctor of Philosophy Graduates



Chris Hensz

Degree: Ph.D. in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

Faculty Mentor: Jorge Soberon

Dissertation Defense: April 11, 2018

Dissertation Title: Macro-scale avian migration, foraging, and dispersal: environmental and geopolitical perspectives

Plans to work as a data scientist in the tech industry and has been accepted into the Insight Data Science Fellowship in Silicon Valley.

Alex Erwin

Degree: Ph.D. in Ecology & Evolutionary Biology, Honors

Faculty Mentor: Justin Blumenstiel

Dissertation Defense: March 29, 2018

Dissertation Title: How germ line epigenetic regulators contribute to gene expression during genomic instability

Currently employed by BioKansas, a local nonprofit organization involved with scientific workforce issues



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S. Michael Walker

Degree: Ph.D. in Ecology & Evolutionary Biology

Faculty Mentor: Joy Ward

Dissertation Defense: April 16, 2018

Dissertation Title: The influence of rising temperature and atmospheric CO₂ on flowering time across global change encompassing preindustrial through future conditions

Currently an educator at The Village School in Houston, Texas

Laura Breitreuz

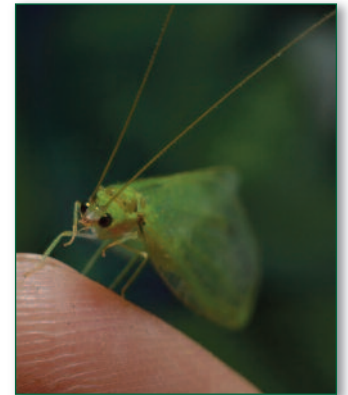
Degree: Ph.D. in Ecology & Evolutionary Biology

Faculty: Michael Engel

Dissertation Defense: April 24, 2018

Dissertation Title: Systematics and Evolution of the Family Chrysopidae (Neuroptera), with an Emphasis on their Morphology

Back in her native town of Berlin, Laura is writing grants and in search of a post-doctoral position



Masters of Arts Graduate



Jack Hruska

Degree: Ph.D. in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

Faculty Mentor: Robert Moyle

Degree: M.A. in Ecology & Evolutionary Biology

Master's Defense: May 4, 2018

Thesis Title: A phylogenomic investigation of the relationships among herons (Aves: Ardeidae)

Accepted into the doctoral program at Texas Tech University