

Department of  
**Ecology and Evolutionary  
Biology**



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Summer  
Graduates **2018**

The Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology is proud to announce the program completion of its summer graduates. Congratulations and best wishes to our alumni.

## Doctor of Philosophy Graduates

### Lucas Hemmer

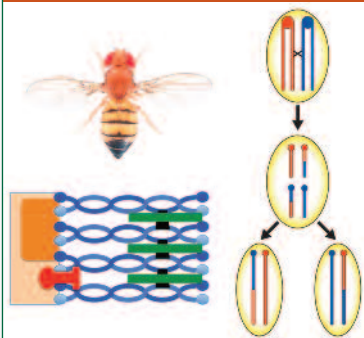
**Faculty Mentor:** Justin Blumenstiel

**Degree:** Ph.D. in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Honors

**Dissertation Defense:** June 13, 2018

**Dissertation Title:** The Evolution of Recombination Landscapes and Mechanisms in *Drosophila* in Light of Intragenomic Conflict

Currently working as a postdoctoral researcher in the Amanda Larracuente Lab at the University of Rochester



### Mabel Alvarado Gutierrez

**Faculty Mentor:** Michael Engel

**Degree:** Ph.D. in Ecology & Evolutionary Biology

**Dissertation Defense:**

July 2, 2018

**Dissertation title:**

Phylogeny of the Wasp Subfamily Metopiinae and Patterns of Speciation in the *Exochus albiceps* Species-Group



## Masters of Arts Graduate

### Ryan Ridder

**Faculty Mentor:** Chris Beard

**Degree:** M.A. in Ecology & Evolutionary Biology

**Master's Defense:** 24 July, 2018

**Thesis Title:** Fossil Mammals of the Twelvemile Bonanza Local Fauna, Late Tiffanian of Southwestern Wyoming

