

Population And Communities Chapter Test

In this volume 19 leading experts offer a timely and coherent overview of the fundamental principles of ecosystem science. They examine the flux of energy and biologically essential elements and their associated food webs in major terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems, such as forests, grasslands, cultivated land, streams, coral reefs, and ocean basins. In each case, interactions between different ecosystems, predictive models, and the application of ecosystem research to the management of natural resources are given special emphasis. A number of theoretical chapters provide a synthesis through critical discussion of current concepts of ecosystem energetics and dynamics.

Reviews the key concepts of biology and includes two full-length practice tests. The anthrax incidents following the 9/11 terrorist attacks put the spotlight on the nation's public health agencies, placing it under an unprecedented scrutiny that added new dimensions to the complex issues considered in this report. The Future of the Public's Health in the 21st Century reaffirms the vision of Healthy People 2010, and outlines a systems approach to assuring the nation's health in practice, research, and policy. This approach focuses on joining the unique resources and perspectives of diverse sectors and entities and challenges these groups to work in a concerted, strategic way to promote and protect the public's health. Focusing on diverse partnerships as the framework for public health, the book discusses: The need for a shift from an individual to a population-based approach in practice, research, policy, and community engagement. The status of the governmental public health infrastructure and what needs to be improved, including its interface with the health care delivery system. The roles nongovernment actors, such as academia, business, local communities and the media can play in creating a healthy nation. Providing an accessible analysis, this book will be important to public health policy-makers and practitioners, business and community leaders, health advocates, educators and journalists.

Wastewater epidemiology is an emerging discipline that requires collaborative research involving analytical chemists, drug epidemiologists, and wastewater engineers. Wastewater epidemiology involves the sampling and quantitative analysis of raw wastewaters from communities for illicit drugs and their metabolites. Mass loads (mass per day) and per capita (mg per day per person) are then calculated from concentrations and indicate the approximate quantity of illicit drugs used and excreted by the community. Limitations to wastewater epidemiology include that the population served by wastewater treatment plants within a day and between days is not well known. In addition, biodegradation of illicit drugs during transit in sewers may affect the concentration and mass flows that reach wastewater treatment plants. This thesis describes a series of studies conducted by an international collaboration between scientists and engineers from the United States and Switzerland to answer these two limitations. The experimental approaches for these studies used included high-frequency

wastewater sampling strategies, the use of creatinine as a human urinary biomarker, as well as the use of unique locations as test sites including an open community, a prison in the state of Oregon, and a 5 km section of sewer in Zürich Switzerland. In Chapter 2, the diurnal study on the mass flows of illicit drugs or metabolites was formed over four days in a municipality with a population of approximately 55,000 people. The diurnal trends in illicit substances vary by substance. The high (g/day) mass flows of caffeine, methamphetamine, and creatinine indicate that lower-frequency sampling (approximately one sample per h) may representatively capture the use and excretion of these substances. However, lower and episodic mass flows of cocaine and its primary human metabolite, benzoylecgonine, indicate that higher-frequency is needed to accurately assess the use of the cocaine within the municipality. Normalization of illicit substances to creatinine gave between-day trends in illicit and legal substances that differed from non-normalized trends. Resident use of cocaine and methamphetamine were indicated by normalized mass flows that increased during early morning hours while commuters are largely absent from the community. Chapter 3 describes a series of experiments conducted at an Oregon state prison. The prison setting provided a unique opportunity to study a nearly-fixed population of individuals and their corresponding mass flows of illicit substances, the number of doses per person consumed, as well as an opportunity to quantify the level of agreement between numbers of individuals and the measured mass flows of creatinine. Methamphetamine use was more prevalent than cocaine/benzoylecgonine in the prison over the one month study in which single daily (24 h) composite samples of wastewater were collected. The hypothesis that the mass flows of methamphetamine and cocaine would be lower on days on which random urinalysis testing (RUA) is typically conducted by the prison (Monday-Thursday) was rejected. While the mass flows (mg/d) of methamphetamine were less than those for a nearby open community, the number of estimated doses per person was higher for the prison population. A higher number of positive RUA results were obtained for methamphetamine while none were positive for cocaine, which is consistent with the data obtained from wastewater. The hourly (diurnal) trend in methamphetamine mass loads indicated continual methamphetamine use/excretion inside the prison while cocaine and benzoylecgonine were detected in five hourly composite samples. Use of methamphetamine and cocaine by inmates could not be unambiguously distinguished from that of non-inmates (employees and visitors). The observed diurnal trends in creatinine mass loads were similar to those of an open community and are indicative of the general pattern of human wakefulness/activity. Predicted creatinine mass loads based on the total prison (inmates + non-inmates) were in good agreement with the measured mass loads, which indicates the potential use of creatinine as a quantitative population indicator. Additional research on the biodegradability of creatinine is needed because the prison setting was deliberately selected to minimize the potential for

creatinine biodegradation. Chapter 4 addresses the data gap that exists on illicit drug transformation during in situ transit in sewers. The rates of in situ biodegradation have not yet been determined for conditions that are relevant to sewers, which include low to variable oxygen concentrations, the presence of a biofilm, and temperatures [less than or equal to] 20 °C. For this reason, two tracer tests were conducted in a 5 km stretch of sewer located near Zürich, Switzerland. The stable-isotope forms (deuterated) of cocaine and benzoylecgonine were injected into flowing wastewater and three locations up to 5 km downstream were sampled over time. Breakthrough curves were constructed from measurements of cocaine-d₃ and benzoylecgonine-d₃ concentration with time. The area under the curve (mass) was determined by integrating concentration over time. Benzoylecgonine-d₃ was present in the injectate that should have only contained cocaine-d₃; because the benzoylecgonine-d₃ formation prior to injection is not known. The injected mass of cocaine-d₃ did not decline over the 5 km distance. The observed mass of cocaine-d₃ at 5 km was 10% greater than at 500 m, which indicates that the transformation of cocaine was not significant over the 1.5 h experiment. At 5 km downgradient, the apparent mass of benzoylecgonine-d₃ had increased by 35% over that observed at 500 m. However, the apparent increase in benzoylecgonine-d₃ mass was not accompanied by a corresponding loss of cocaine-d₃. While uncertainty is apparent in the increase of both cocaine-d₃ and benzoylecgonine-d₃, the ratio of cocaine-d₃/benzoylecgonine-d₃ is subject only to analytical error because any errors associated with sampling and the integration of masses cancel out. The ratio of cocaine-d₃/benzoylecgonine-d₃ declined from 2.98 in the injectate to 1.66 at Location 3, which indicated a greater increase in benzoylecgonine-d₃ relative to cocaine over the 5 km distance. Due to the benzoylecgonine-d₃ that was present in the injectate, any biodegradation of cocaine-c₃ to form benzoylecgonine-d₃ could not be unambiguously distinguished. During the second tracer test in which benzoylecgonine-d₃ was injected, the mass of benzoylecgonine-d₃ did not significantly decline, which suggests that the apparent loss of benzoylecgonine-d₃ during the cocaine-d₃ test cannot be attributed to in-situ biodegradation. Overall, while uncertainty exists about the integrated masses for cocaine-d₃ and benzoylecgonine-d₃, the 5 km distance was too short in order to observe a significant loss of cocaine-d₃ and formation of benzoylecgonine-d₃. Recommendations for future research include conducting analysis on the injectate solution to ensure that only cocaine-d₃ is introduced so that any formation of benzoylecgonine-d₃ is readily apparent and quantifiable. In addition, the tracer tests should be repeated in a longer section of sewer to increase the residence time beyond 1.5 hr and degradation products of benzoylecgonine-d₃ should be monitored including ecgonine and ecgonine methyl ester.

Studying long-term ecological studies allows for a better understanding of processes driving populations and communities, and this understanding can be

used to improve conservation efforts. These studies can describe how changes in the environment have led to current states of populations and communities, and indicate if the current state or trend falls within expectations based on past dynamics. Studies of long-term datasets also help ecologists predict how populations may shift with climate, water, or land-use change and determine necessary management action to maintain sustainable populations and community interactions. Serving as a test of time," long-term monitoring can provide insight into the influence of predation, intra- or interspecific competition, and other interactions on system dynamics. Studies need to explicitly include these drivers and sources of autocorrelation in data (e.g., spatial autocorrelation) to obtain unbiased estimates of ecological processes for guiding management. Fortunately, new statistical analyses for ecological applications are available that help ecologists make full use of the information present in long-term studies while properly accounting for sampling error and autocorrelation. In this study, I use advanced statistical methods to analyze a long-term dataset, the Waterfowl Breeding Population and Habitat Survey, and address questions about waterfowl population and community dynamics. In Chapter 2, I use multi-state occupancy models to determine how the presence of lesser and greater scaup (*Aythya anis* and *A. marila*) has changed on their breeding grounds in North America since 1955. In Chapter 3, I use a Bayesian hierarchical model to determine the drivers of the breeding scaup population in the Northwest Territories of Canada. Lastly, in Chapter 4 I incorporate more waterfowl species into the hierarchical model from Chapter 3 to determine the drivers of the pochard duck community, along with the role of species interactions. My results indicate that the occupancy of scaup has decreased in the boreal forest of Canada and increased in the prairie parklands. Additionally, scaup in the Northwest Territories are largely influenced by density dependence and snow cover extent. Finally, the pochard community in the Northwest Territories is regulated more by environmental drivers than intra- or interspecific interactions. These results indicate that management of the species through hunting regulations likely deserves further study, as scaup likely exhibit some sort of compensation in response to hunting.

In the United States, some populations suffer from far greater disparities in health than others. Those disparities are caused not only by fundamental differences in health status across segments of the population, but also because of inequities in factors that impact health status, so-called determinants of health. Only part of an individual's health status depends on his or her behavior and choice; community-wide problems like poverty, unemployment, poor education, inadequate housing, poor public transportation, interpersonal violence, and decaying neighborhoods also contribute to health inequities, as well as the historic and ongoing interplay of structures, policies, and norms that shape lives. When these factors are not optimal in a community, it does not mean they are intractable: such inequities can be mitigated by social policies that can shape health in powerful ways.

Communities in Action: Pathways to Health Equity seeks to delineate the causes

of and the solutions to health inequities in the United States. This report focuses on what communities can do to promote health equity, what actions are needed by the many and varied stakeholders that are part of communities or support them, as well as the root causes and structural barriers that need to be overcome.

Natural communities of species embody complex interrelationships between the structure of the interspecific interaction network, dynamics of species' populations, and the stability of the system as a whole. Studying these interrelationships is crucial for understanding the survival of species in nature. In this context, studying the food web (the network of who-eats-whom) embedded in each interaction network is particularly important because trophic interactions are the main channels of energy flow in all ecosystems. Using a combination of mathematical modeling and empirical data analyses, this study explores the interrelationship between food web structure and multi-species coexistence in local communities. Chapter 1 of this thesis places the overall dissertation study in context of the history of research on species interaction networks and food webs. In Chapter 2, I use a population dynamical model to show how the requirements of stable multi-species coexistence results in the emergence of specific, nonrandom configurations of food web structure during community assembly. These structural "signatures" can be used to empirically gauge the importance of interaction-driven dynamical stability constraints in natural communities. In Chapter 3, I extend the model analyzed in Chapter 2 by imposing biologically feasible constraints on its parameters. This is made possible by the allometric scaling between individual metabolism and body size, and the constraints on interspecific trophic interactions due to body size differences between pairs of interacting species. I show that, using this approach, it is possible to interlink three aspects of local communities that have typically been studied in isolation: the species' body mass distribution, the distribution of ratios of body sizes of consumer and resource species (e.g., predator and prey), and certain food web structural features. Some of these features have previously lacked explanatory models. Finally in Chapter 4, using empirical data from nine communities across a range of habitats, I test some theoretical predictions of the previous chapter. The results provide strong evidence that the food web structure of natural communities do indeed exhibit signatures of dynamical stability constraints, and that the model developed in Chapters 2 and 3 is successfully able to predict a number of empirically observed food web structural features.

"Here is a spectacular, thought-provoking, and highly informative guide to the fascinating story of ecology. Superb color photographs of animals, plants, and ecosystems reveal the ideas and discoveries that have changed our understanding of life around us."--Publisher's description.

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A timely revision in this global age, *Human Behavior and the Social Environment, Macro Level* develops a sophisticated and original view of the cultural, global, spiritual, and natural worlds that people inhabit, and the impact of these worlds on human behavior. Its major new theme, sustainability, emerges as a key characteristic of contemporary practice. What is sustainable social work? What are the characteristics of a sustainable community? How is the present exploitation of environmental resources unsustainable for future generations? Following the greatest economic upheaval since the Great Depression, how can we envision a sustainable economy that will benefit all the people, not only the wealthy few? Human behavior results from biological, psychological, socio-economic, and cultural forces, but the mental health field has placed the most emphasis on intrapsychic factors to the near exclusion of socio-economic and cultural considerations. This significant collaboration seeks to correct this omission by helping students recognize patterns in the family, culture, and value systems in order to create safe and sustainable environments for their future clients. The emphasis on sustainable and unsustainable social welfare programs is geared to helping readers engage in advocacy for social justice. * Integrates up-to-date research findings, models, and government statistics * Enhanced discussions of theory, group dynamics, family, community, and the environment * Theoretical concepts and practice implications in each chapter * Highlights the

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The way ecologists study the world creates boundaries between individual, population, and community scales. All scales interact, however, and changes in function or stability at one scale resonates at all other scales. Starting from the individual scale, this thesis crosses these artificial boundaries and determines the effect of individual behaviour, size, and life-stage on population density, energy flow in food webs, and food web stability. Chapter 1 uses a novel approach to test the behavioural mechanism behind how changes in resource and habitat use respond to changes in resource availability and accessibility for lake trout (*Salvelinus namaycush*) across Ontario. These results ultimately reveal how these aquatic ecosystems respond to environmental variation and alter the flow of carbon through the ecosystem. Chapter 2 explores how changes in resource use as an individual grows influence the relationship between body size and population density. The commonly seen relationship between mean body-size and density at the global scale often breaks down as the scale of observation decreases, and we suggest that this is due to the increased importance of variation in body size. Using data on lake trout body-size and density across communities, we ask if variation in body-size influences population density. Lastly, Chapter 3 explores how ontogenetic changes in resource use may distribute energy in a way that stabilizes communities with life-history intra-guild predation. There are three main conclusions in this thesis. First, by using a behavioural approach to measure habitat use, we find support for a behavioural mechanism for how lake trout respond to changes in resource availability and accessibility (Chapter 1). Second, variability in body size mediated by the available resource spectrum may cause the break-down of the broad scale body size - density relationship at the population level (Chapter 2). Finally, maturation and reproduction can redistribute energy away from strong interactions to weak interactions in populations with ontogenetic diet shifts, in turn stabilizing the community (Chapter 3).

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Combining breadth of coverage with detail, this logical and cohesive introduction to insect ecology couples concepts with a broad range of examples and practical applications. It explores cutting-edge topics in the field, drawing on and highlighting the links between theory and the latest empirical studies. The sections are structured around a series of key topics, including behavioral ecology; species interactions; population ecology; food webs, communities and ecosystems; and broad patterns in nature. Chapters progress logically from the small scale to the large; from individual species through to species interactions, populations and communities. Application sections at the end of each chapter outline the practicality of ecological concepts and show how ecological information and concepts can be useful in agriculture, horticulture and forestry. Each chapter ends with a summary, providing a brief recap, followed by a set of questions and discussion topics designed to encourage independent and creative thinking.

Disease is an ecological process that regulates hosts, but does not affect all host populations and communities uniformly. The extent to which populations and communities are affected by disease is determined by a suite of intrinsic factors such as host demography, susceptibility, and immunocompetence, as well as environmental extrinsic factors, which can alter host-pathogen interactions. Coral disease is a leading contributor to global coral reef decline, highlighting the importance of testing the role of intrinsic and extrinsic factors in disease affecting natural systems. Further, the ability of corals to respond to disease is influenced by the dynamics of innate immunity. The broad goals of this dissertation are to (1) address the patterns and processes of coral health and disease along the west coast of the Island of Hawai'i (WHI), which has some of the highest disease levels in the Pacific; and (2) investigate the temporal dynamics of the cellular immune response, using a Caribbean sea fan as a model system. Ecological processes including disease, competition for space, and predation strongly influence the health of coral communities. In Chapter 1, I characterize the spatial and temporal patterns in coral disease and other biological interactions, describes long-term changes in coral cover, and identifies sites of concern for management action along WHI. The spatial extent of disease in communities is determined by an integrated series of host population- and community-level processes. In Chapter 2, I test the effects of host demographics, coral species richness, predation and disease cooccurrence on the risk of three most common diseases affecting the scleractinian coral *Porites*. In addition to host ecology, disease is often influenced by environmental stress. In Chapter 3, I identify the risk factors contributing to dynamics of *Porites* growth anomalies by testing the correlation between prevalence, severity and linear extension, and ecological and environmental parameters across gradients of terrestrial input. Immune responses often determine an organism's success in pathogen and stress response. In Chapter 4, I use *G. ventralina* to characterize the temporal dynamics of cellular responses (granular amoebocyte aggregation and prophenoloxidase activation) to allogenic grafts in a series of laboratory and field experiments.

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Understanding how populations, and the ecosystems of which they are a part, respond to

fluctuations in the environment is paramount for conservation, sustainable management of natural resources, and perpetuation of ecosystem function. In this dissertation, I evaluated the role of source components of variability as statistical indicators of large-scale ecological shifts, assessed the impact of age truncation on frequency signals in catches of a prey population over time, and investigated how a fish community has responded to a suite of environmental drivers. An analysis of variability in standardized fish catch data showed that spatial and temporal components of variability can be responsive major perturbation, offering finer-scale information about ecological reorganization than a mean response or total variability alone. This analytical framework is flexible and could be broadly applicable to questions about population responses to a changing climate, physiographic differences, or monitoring program efficacy, for example. In the next chapter, I evaluated demographic changes to test the hypothesis that predation can induce similar effects as fishing. Age truncation of an important prey fish was associated with increased variability in recruitment and biomass, and greater correlation between these population metrics and temperature indices. These results suggest that the relative abundance of a fish population could be tracking the environment more closely due to the loss of a buffering capacity otherwise associated with a broader reproducing age structure. Lastly, I went beyond single-species assessment by evaluating data for a fish community in relation to environmental fluctuations. Using gradient forest methods, I was able to quantify the influence of different environmental signals on community indicators and identify thresholds along gradients of those environmental signals. Collectively, this research highlights tools and approaches to disentangle variability in standardized fish catch data. The findings illustrate the complexity of patterns and correlative relationships that may exist between populations and their environment, which may change over time, and which are likely consequential for effectively managing dynamic ecological systems.

One of the most well-documented ecological impacts of human-caused landscape change is the fragmentation of natural habitats by human infrastructure, with potential implications for 1) community composition, and 2) species-level gene flow patterns. By including quantifiable measurements of local habitat composition, regional land-use, and the composition of the landscape matrix in ecological studies, we can better understand how multi-scalar environmental factors drive changes in wildlife community composition and dispersal processes, and infer subsequent consequences for ecosystem functions and services across human-altered landscapes. Pollination is a critical ecosystem service driven in part by wildlife community composition and dispersal processes, but despite the importance of bee pollination for ecosystem function, very little is known about how land-use drives native bee community composition and their population gene-flow patterns. This research addresses this literature gap by investigating native bee communities (Chapter 1) and native bee gene flow (Chapter 2) across heterogeneous human-altered landscapes in Texas, and proposes methods for expanding conservation genetic research of pollinators using curated bee specimens (Chapter 3). In Chapter 1, we conducted an extensive survey of bee communities across two urban landscape gradients in Austin and Dallas, Texas, USA comparing communities within agricultural and native grassland habitat types. In Chapter 2, we investigate the genetic structure and gene flow patterns of the native eastern carpenter bee, *Xylocopa virginica* across a 450 km corridor spanning multiple land-uses in Texas. In Chapter 3, we test the effects of sampling and curation methods on next-generation sequencing of three widespread North American native bee species. Our results indicate that the composition of regional land-use differentially impacts bee abundance and diversity depending on local habitat management and between bee functional groups, and that contemporary land-use as well as regional and fine-scale geographic distance influence the gene flow patterns of a large wood-nesting bee. Lastly, we find that sampling and storage method influence sequence assembly quality, and that curated and trapped specimens can be successfully utilized for next-generation

sequencing research.

Competition is one of the most important factors controlling the distribution and abundance of living creatures. Sperm cells racing up reproductive tracts, beetle larvae battling inside single seeds, birds defending territories, and trees interfering with the light available to neighbours, are all engaged in competition for limited resources. Along with predation and mutualism, competition is one of the three major biological forces that assemble living communities. Recent experimental work, much of it only from the last few decades, has enhanced human knowledge of the prevalence of competition in nature. There are acacia trees that use ants to damage vines, beetles that compete in arenas for access to dung balls, tadpoles that apparently poison their neighbours, birds that smash the eggs of potential competitors, and plants that associate with fungi in order to increase access to soil resources. While intended as an up-to-date reference work on the state of this branch of ecology, the many non-technical examples will make interesting reading for those with a general interest in nature. Greatly expanded from the first prize-winning edition, there are entirely new chapters, including one on resources and another on competition gradients in nature. The author freely ranges across all major taxonomic groups in search of evidence. The question of whether competition occurs is no longer useful, the author maintains; rather the challenge is to determine when and where each kind of competition is important in natural systems. For this reason, variants of competition such as intensity, asymmetry and hierarchies are singled out for particular attention. The book concludes with the difficulties of finding general principles in complex ecological communities, and illustrates the limitations on knowledge that arise out of the biased conduct of scientists themselves. Competition can be found elsewhere in living systems other than ecological communities, at sub-microscopic scales in the interactions of enzymes and neural pathways, and over large geographic areas in the spread of human populations and contrasting ideas about the world. Human societies are therefore also examined for evidence of the kinds of competition found among other living organisms. Using an array of historical examples, including Biblical conflicts, the use of noblemen's sons in the Crusades, the Viking raids in Europe, strategic bombing campaigns in the Second World War, and ethnic battles of the Balkans, the book illustrates how most of the aspects of competition illustrated with plants and animals can be extended to the interactions of human beings and their societies.

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Today many school students are shielded from one of the most important concepts in modern science: evolution. In engaging and conversational style, *Teaching About Evolution and the Nature of Science* provides a well-structured framework for understanding and teaching evolution. Written for teachers, parents, and community officials as well as scientists and educators, this book describes how evolution reveals both the great diversity and similarity among the Earth's organisms; it explores how scientists approach the question of evolution; and it illustrates the nature of science as a way of knowing about the natural world. In addition, the book provides answers to frequently asked questions to help readers understand many of the issues and misconceptions about evolution. The book includes sample activities for teaching about evolution and the nature of science. For example, the book includes activities that investigate fossil footprints and population growth that teachers of science can use to introduce principles of evolution. Background information, materials, and step-by-step presentations are provided for each activity. In addition, this volume: Presents the evidence for evolution, including how evolution can be observed today. Explains the nature of science through a variety of examples. Describes how science differs from other human endeavors and why evolution is one of the best avenues for helping students understand this distinction. Answers frequently asked questions about evolution. *Teaching About Evolution and the Nature of Science* builds on the 1996 National Science Education Standards released by the National Research Council--and offers detailed guidance on how to evaluate and choose instructional materials that support the standards. Comprehensive and practical, this book brings one of today's educational challenges into focus in a balanced and reasoned discussion. It will be of special interest to teachers of science, school administrators, and interested members of the

community.

Viruses are the most abundant biological entity on Earth, yet little is known about the factors driving their abundance, frequency of occurrence, and distribution in non-human hosts. Most emerging infectious diseases of humans originate in wildlife, up to a quarter of which are caused by viruses, creating an urgent need to broaden understanding of viral systems. With its theoretical depth, ecology can provide mechanistic insights about viral diversity, with broad implications for public health and wildlife conservation. Unfortunately, few datasets exist that allow a thorough exploration of viral ecology, and the process of defining viral species can prohibit timely conclusions. I comprehensively sampled Puerto Rican bat communities roosting in two caves. In Chapter 1, I aimed to test bats for viral taxa of known concern to human health and explore the utility of ecological perspectives for understanding viral infection. I used established methods alongside a machine learning algorithm to delineate operational taxonomic units (OTUs) for herpesviruses that could be used as surrogates of species. Community-level patterns suggest that herpesviruses follow well-supported ecological laws. No bat was infected with any viruses of known concern to human health. In Chapter 2, I developed a Bayesian community-level occupancy model that simultaneously models the processes of infection and detection to account for failed detection and rarity in herpesvirus communities. Host reproductive status and its interaction with host sex significantly affect viral richness. The role of host sex was further supported by simulation analyses of alpha- and beta-level viral richness. Significance at the levels of individual host (alpha) and host group (e.g. sex; beta), stress the importance of including multi-scale factors in disease models. In Chapter 3 I explored the possibility of herpesvirus interactions, by using posterior samples of the occupancy model in analyses of non-random co-occurrence. Most herpesvirus co-occurrence is random, but non-random co-associations occurred at the host population- and community-levels. In host communities, host specificity drives viral co-occurrence. Genetic similarity of co-occurring OTUs affects co-occurrence probability in host populations, suggesting that herpesviruses interact at this scale via mediation of host immunity.

A recent focus on contemporary evolution and the connections between communities has sought to more closely integrate ecology with evolutionary biology. Studies of coevolutionary dynamics, life history evolution, and rapid local adaptation demonstrate that ecological circumstances can dictate evolutionary trajectories. Thus, variation in species identity, trait distributions, and genetic composition may be maintained among ecologically divergent habitats. New theories and hypotheses (E.G., metacommunity theory and the Monopolization hypothesis) seek to understand better the processes occurring in spatially structured environments and how dispersal contributes to ecology and evolution at broader scales. As few empirical studies of these theories exist, this work seeks to further test these concepts. Spatial and temporal dispersal are the mechanisms connecting habitats to one another. Both processes allow organisms to leave suboptimal or unfavorable conditions, and enable colonization and invasion, species range expansion, and gene flow among populations. Freshwater zooplankton typically develop resting stages as part of their life that allow organisms to disperse both temporally and spatially. Additionally, because many species are cyclically parthenogenetic, they make excellent model organisms to study in a controlled environment. Here, I use freshwater zooplankton communities to examine the mechanisms and consequences of dispersal and to test these nascent theories on the influence of spatial structure in natural systems. In Chapter one, I use field experiments and mathematical models to determine the movement vectors and range of adult zooplankton dispersal over land. Chapter two uses statistical models with field and mesocosm experiments to examine prolonged dormancy in "Daphnia pulex." I show that variation in dormant egg hatching is substantial among populations in nature and can be attributed to genetic differences among the populations. Chapters three and four explore the consequences of dispersal at multiple

levels of biological diversity. Chapter three looks at population level consequences of dispersal over evolutionary time on current patterns of population genetic differentiation. I test two alternative hypotheses addressing why nearby populations of "Daphnia" exhibit high population genetic differentiation. Finally, chapter four is a case study of how dispersal has influenced patterns of variation at the community, trait and genetic levels of biodiversity in a lake metacommunity. [The dissertation citations contained here are published with the permission of ProQuest Ilc. Further reproduction is prohibited without permission. Copies of dissertations may be obtained by Telephone (800) 1-800-521-0600. Web page: <http://www.proquest.com/en-US/products/dissertations/individuals.shtml>.]

This book presents all the publicly available questions from the PISA surveys. Some of these questions were used in the PISA 2000, 2003 and 2006 surveys and others were used in developing and trying out the assessment.

Provides a step-by-step approach to statistical procedures to analyze data and conduct research, with detailed sections in each chapter explaining SPSS® and Excel® applications. This book identifies connections between statistical applications and research design using cases, examples, and discussion of specific topics from the social and health sciences. Researched and class-tested to ensure an accessible presentation, the book combines clear, step-by-step explanations for both the novice and professional alike to understand the fundamental statistical practices for organizing, analyzing, and drawing conclusions from research data in their field. The book begins with an introduction to descriptive and inferential statistics and then acquaints readers with important features of statistical applications (SPSS and Excel) that support statistical analysis and decision making. Subsequent chapters treat the procedures commonly employed when working with data across various fields of social science research. Individual chapters are devoted to specific statistical procedures, each ending with lab application exercises that pose research questions, examine the questions through their application in SPSS and Excel, and conclude with a brief research report that outlines key findings drawn from the results. Real-world examples and data from social and health sciences research are used throughout the book, allowing readers to reinforce their comprehension of the material. Using Statistics in the Social and Health Sciences with SPSS® and Excel® includes: Use of straightforward procedures and examples that help students focus on understanding of analysis and interpretation of findings. Inclusion of a data lab section in each chapter that provides relevant, clear examples. Introduction to advanced statistical procedures in chapter sections (e.g., regression diagnostics) and separate chapters (e.g., multiple linear regression) for greater relevance to real-world research needs. Emphasizing applied statistical analyses, this book can serve as the primary text in undergraduate and graduate university courses within departments of sociology, psychology, urban studies, health sciences, and public health, as well as other related departments. It will also be useful to statistics practitioners through extended sections using SPSS® and Excel® for analyzing data. Concepts of Biology is designed for the single-semester introduction to biology course for non-science majors, which for many students is their only college-level science course. As such, this course represents an important opportunity for students to develop the necessary knowledge, tools, and skills to make informed decisions as they continue with their lives. Rather than being mired down with facts and vocabulary, the typical non-science major student needs information presented in a way that is easy to read and understand. Even more importantly, the content should be meaningful. Students do much better when they understand why biology is relevant to their everyday lives. For these reasons, Concepts of Biology is grounded on an evolutionary basis and includes exciting features that highlight careers in the biological sciences and everyday applications of the concepts at hand. We also strive to show the interconnectedness of topics within this extremely broad discipline. In order to meet the needs of today's instructors and students, we maintain the overall organization and coverage

found in most syllabi for this course. A strength of Concepts of Biology is that instructors can customize the book, adapting it to the approach that works best in their classroom. Concepts of Biology also includes an innovative art program that incorporates critical thinking and clicker questions to help students understand--and apply--key concepts.

It is widely theorized that population and community processes such as competition, predation, and dispersal influence rates of resource flux within ecosystems. Likewise, the properties of an ecosystem, such as resource availability and space, can feed back onto populations and communities, driving their dynamics and evolutionary trajectories. However, empirical research connecting community and ecosystem-level processes remains a critical missing link between these two disciplines. My dissertation attempts to resolve some of these deficiencies by capitalizing on the tractability and replicability of experimental and natural microbial communities. I use these systems to test a number of theories of community-ecosystem feedbacks. In chapter 1, I test the theory that a bioregion's time-integrated area and productivity positively drive the extent of diversification in a radiating lineage. This theory of time-integration was developed in response to mismatches in the taxonomic diversity observed in a region (e.g., an island) compared to values predicted from species-area or species-productivity relationships. Time-integration implies that if a region's historical area and productivity were higher than they are today, then its unexpectedly large biodiversity (for its contemporary area and/or productivity) might be explained by historical conditions favoring radiation and a persistence of many or all of these clades as area and/or productivity decreased. To test this theory, I used the bacterium *Pseudomonas fluorescens* SBW25 -- a model system for adaptive radiation. I set up independent replicate microcosms that were randomly assigned to different volumes and productivities and transferred every few days so as to experience different environmental histories. By tracking these diversifying communities over time, I demonstrate that time-integrated productivity was the single best predictor of a community's extant diversity whereas "snapshot" measures of contemporary volume and productivity are much less useful predictors. I interpret these results in the context of population growth parameters and extinction rates. In chapter 2, I present the results of a field study of natural microbial digestive communities occupying leaves of the carnivorous pitcher plant *Darlingtonia californica*. I combine microscopy, biochemical assays, and community sequencing with respirometry and stable isotope pulse-chase experiments to examine how microbial community succession influences rates of detrital turnover, respiration, and nitrogen cycling in developing micro-ecosystems. I demonstrate that microbial community development and turnover in *D. californica* proceeds in parallel over time with communities becoming more similar to one another. These communities have considerably predictable dynamics such that the bacterial communities from one population can be used to quite accurately predict the ages of pitcher leaves in a different population and year. Furthermore, and in accordance with general successional theory, bacterial communities tended to display unimodal patterns in species diversity over time. This trend appeared driven by differences in the predicted functional properties of bacterial communities. I also encountered unimodal trends in rates of decomposition by the digestive community and nitrogen uptake efficiency by the host leaf. Bacterial diversity and bacterial and midge larvae biomass were positively associated with rates of decomposition, which in turn were positively associated with the efficiency of nitrogen uptake by the host leaf. This study is among the first to demonstrate predictable successional patterns and biodiversity-ecosystem functioning relationships in natural microbial communities. In chapter 3, I present the results of a laboratory experiment demonstrating a decrease in the strength of biodiversity-ecosystem function (BEF) relationships and competitive interactions during succession in *Darlingtonia californica* leaves. It is often assumed that as ecosystems develop, competition-colonization tradeoffs or niche differences favor the gradual establishment of a biota more successful at competing for resources, leading to increased

rates of competitive exclusion and shifting BEF relationships. My approach involved collecting bacterial strains from a cohort of leaves every 11 days over a one-year period and assembling them into communities of varying richness levels such that each community contained either 1, 2, 5, or 10 taxa also isolated from leaves of the same age. By employing an experimental design that allowed for the estimation of individual species' effects as well as their interactions, I show that the relationship between community richness and carbon mineralization rates are most positive during early succession (22-55 days) and gradually decrease over time. Furthermore, diffuse competition was greatest during these same time periods. Together, these results suggest that the effects of species additions or removals on ecosystem processes can vary across time. Chapter 4 presents an experiment testing a long-held assumption regarding the natural history of *Darlingtonia californica*. Specifically, I test the centuries-old assumption that the unique forked 'fishtail appendage' found on leaves of *D. californica* play an important role in the plant's capture of arthropod prey. In a series of field experiments, I manipulated the presence/absence of the appendage on developing pitcher leaves and compared their prey compositions and biomass. I found that the absence of the fishtail appendage does not significantly impact prey capture success at the level of the individual leaf or within an entire population of leaves. Therefore, contrary to widespread beliefs, the fishtail appendage does not appear to be a critical adaptation enabling carnivory in this species. Instead, I propose three alternative scenarios for the evolutionary maintenance of this structure: 1) as a vestigial structure, 2) as a photosynthetic structure and 3) as a structure serving a potentially mutualistic role with the local insect community.

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This new approach to insect modeling discusses population dynamics' regularities, control theory, theory of transitions, and describes methods of population dynamics and outbreaks modeling for forest phyllophagous insects

and their effects on global climate change. Research in insect population dynamics is important for more reasons than just protecting forest communities. Insect populations are among the main ecological units included in the analysis of stability of ecological systems. Moreover, it is convenient to test new methods of analyzing population and community stability on the insect-related data, as by now ecologists and entomologists have accumulated large amounts of such data. In this book, the authors analyze population dynamics of quite a narrow group of insects – forest defoliators. It is hoped that the methods proposed herein for the analysis of population dynamics of these species may be useful and effective for analyzing population dynamics of other animal species and their effects and role in global warming. What can insects tell us about our environment and our ever-changing climate? It is through studies like this one that these important answers can be obtained, along with data on the insects and their behaviors themselves. The authors present new theories on modeling and data accumulation, using cutting-edge processes never before published for such a wide audience. This volume presents the state-of-the-art in the science, and it is an essential piece of any entomologist's and forest engineer's library.

Monitoring Plant and Animal Populations offers an overview of population monitoring issues that is accessible to the typical field biologist and land managers with a modest statistical background. The text includes concrete guidelines for ecologists to follow to design a statistically defensible monitoring program. User-friendly, practical guide, written in a highly readable format. The authors provide an interdisciplinary scope to address the current, widespread interest in monitoring in many environmental fields, including pure and applied ecology, conservation biology, and wildlife management. Emphasizes the role of monitoring in adaptive management. Defines important terminology and contrasts monitoring with other data-collection activities. Covers the applicable principles of sampling and shows how to design a monitoring project. Provides a step-by-step overview of the monitoring process, illustrated by flow charts and references. The authors also offer guidelines for analyzing and interpreting monitoring data. Illustrates the foundation of management objectives and describes their components, types, and development. Describes common field techniques for measuring important attributes of animal and plant populations. Reviews different methods for recording monitoring data in the field, managing the data, and communicating data to policymakers.

This dissertation explores the physical and biological factors that control zooplankton population growth rates in the Ohio River (USA). I employed both observational studies and a mesocosm experiment to ascertain zooplankton population and community dynamics in response to biotic and abiotic variables. This dissertation is separated into three chapters. In chapter 1, I introduce the reader to life history traits of zooplankton and characteristics of large rivers. In chapter 2, I present the results of an observational study of zooplankton

population growth rates in two navigation pools of the Ohio River and use multiple regression analysis to determine the significance of environmental variables on zooplankton taxa densities and population growth rates. In addition, I use ordination analysis to assess zooplankton community similarity and spatial positioning among sites in the Ohio River and two tributaries, the Wabash and Kentucky Rivers. In the final chapter I test the effect of velocity on zooplankton communities and their impact on chlorophyll *a* and particulate organic carbon. My results provide a mechanistic explanation for the observed patterns of zooplankton in the Ohio River and how river management may affect these important members of riverine food webs.

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