

Recipients of AOU Travel Awards for 2008

- ALLISON ALVARADO, UCLA. "Genetic and phenotypic variation across a migratory divide in the Hermit Thrush, *Catharus guttatus*."
- SUSAN BALENGER, Auburn University. "Sexual selection in a socially monogamous bird: Male color predicts paternity success in the Mountain Bluebird, *Sialia currucoides*."
- ANDREA CAROLINA BAQUERO, Universidad de los Andes. "Mate recognition system divergence in response to recent anthropogenic habitat changes in an oceanic island (São Tomé) endemic passerine."
- BLAKE BARTZEN, University of Saskatchewan. "Estimating habitat degradation and recovery rates using multistate modelling: an example using agricultural impacts on Canadian prairie."
- SHELLEY BAYARD DE VOLO, Colorado State University. "Phylogeography of Northern Goshawks: evidence of a vicariant past and limited post-glacial gene flow."
- CHRISTA BECKMANN, University of Sydney. "Behavioural responses of Australian raptors to a novel food source: the invasive cane toad."
- THOMAS BENSON, Arkansas State University. "Temporal, habitat, and landscape predictors of predation attempts at Swainson's Warbler nests based on video monitoring."
- MARK BIDWELL, University of Saskatchewan. "Ecosystem disturbance and community dynamics of boreal-breeding waterbirds."
- MELISSA BLUNDEL, Humboldt State University. "Brown-headed Cowbird begging and feeding by host parents: Does exaggerated begging lead to exaggerated provisioning?"
- ALISON BOYER, University of New Mexico. "Consistent ecological selectivity through time in Pacific island extinctions."
- DAVID BRADLEY, University of Windsor. "Solos, duets, and choruses: The form and putative function of vocal behavior in the Rufous-naped Wren, a cooperatively breeding Neotropical."
- KATHERINE BREWSTER, University of Saskatchewan. "The role of landscape composition and habitat management in determining breeding philopatry of grassland passerines: a stable isotope approach."
- GUSTAVO SEBASTIAN CABANNE, Universidade de Sao Paulo. "Phylogeography of the South American Atlantic forest endemic *Xiphorhynchus fuscus* (Dendrocolaptidae): systematics and biogeographic implications."
- ALAINE CAMFIELD, University of British Columbia. "The influence of ambient temperature on Horned Lark incubation behavior in an alpine environment."
- MATT CARLING, Louisiana State University. "The role of the Z-chromosome in the maintenance of reproductive isolation between *Passerina cyanea* and *Passerina amoena*."
- RICHARD CHANDLER, University of Massachusetts. "Conservation implications of Golden-winged Warbler non-breeding ecology in an agriculture-forest mosaic in Costa Rica."
- ZAC CHEVIRON, Louisiana State University. "Altitudinal variation in gene expression in Rufous-collared Sparrows (*Zonotrichia capensis*)."

EUNICE CHIN, Trent University. "Yolk corticosterone enhances flight performance and muscle metabolic capacity in juvenile European Starlings (*Sturnus vulgaris*)."

SANTIAGO CLARAMUNT, Louisiana State University. "Is Furnariidae an adaptive radiation? A new test using morphometric diversity."

EMILY COHEN, University of Southern Mississippi. "Migrant-habitat relations and movement ecology of Red-eyed Vireos during spring stopover."

GABRIEL COLBECK, Washington State University. "North-south song variation and the potential for a unidirectional barrier to gene flow in the Black-throated Blue Warbler."

ROSS CONOVER, Iowa State University. "Avian reproduction in managed habitats amongst intensive agriculture: making room for success."

DAN COULTON, University of Saskatoon. "Testing the site familiarity hypothesis by assessing consequences of natal dispersal decisions in yearling female Mallards."

KRISTIN COVINO, University of Maine. "The role of energetic condition on migratory decisions of passerines in the Gulf of Maine region."

NICOLE CYR, Wellesley College. "Glucocorticoids as indicators of stress."

NICO DAUPHINE, University of Georgia. "Bird community responses to logging in white-sand forests of western Amazonia."

WILLIAM DELUCA, University of Massachusetts. "Effects of recreational hiking trails on montane bird occupancy and detectability."

ROBERT DOBBS, Queens University. "Foraging behavior of American Redstarts during the nonbreeding season: effects of habitat, season, and body mass."

KIMBERLY DOHMS, University of Regina. "Sprague's Pipit nestling growth patterns in native and planted grassland habitats."

ROI DOR, Tel Aviv University. "Heritability of morphological and life-history traits in the House Sparrow: Are juvenile traits less heritable than adult traits?"

LISA EGGERT, Clemson University. "Parasitized Brown Pelican nestlings have increased rates of growth at sublethal levels of infestation."

HEATHER FARRINGTON, University of Cincinnati. "Cross-temporal genetic comparisons reveal a general decline in warbler finch numbers across the Galapagos landscape."

RYAN FISHER, University of Regina. "From Wiens to Robel: Is it time for a more informed approach to quantify grassland bird habitat relationships?"

CLINTON FRANCIS, University of Colorado. "Effects of gas well compressor noise on nest site selection and bird community composition in piñon-juniper woodlands of northwest New Mexico."

SAMANTHA FRANKS, Simon Fraser University. "Stable isotope analysis allows cryptic yearling identification in Western, Least, and Semipalmated Sandpipers."

SARAH FRENCH, University of California – Riverside. "Linking species' ecological traits with environmental attributes: evidence of environmental filters at small spatial scales."

SARAH FREY, University of Vermont. "The importance of scale in determining changes in site occupancy for a montane forest songbird in Vermont."

JANINA FULLER, Louisiana State University. "The role of downy plumage in aerodynamically streamlining the body contours of the House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*)."

JULIE GARVIN, Maui Forest Bird Recovery Project. "Survival estimates of the endangered Maui Parrotbill (*Pseudonestor xanthophrys*) and the Maui Alauahio (*Paroreomyza montana*)."

GREGORY GEORGE, West Virginia University. "Foraging habitat and behavior of the Cerulean Warbler."

MATTHEW GIOVANNI, University of Nebraska – Lincoln. "Age-structured survival and the consequences of parameter uncertainty for Western Meadowlark population growth in the Nebraska Sandhills."

JUAN PABLO GOMEZ, Universidad de los Andes. "Phylogenetic structure of typical antbird (Thamnophilidae) communities."

URI GRODZINSKI, Tel Aviv University. "Signaling of need versus learning: Can hungry nestlings be trained to reduce their begging?"

MÉLANIE GUIGUENO, University of Manitoba. "Egg burial by Yellow Warblers (*Dendroica petechia*): manifestation of nest sanitation?"

SKYE HAAS, Northern Michigan University. "DNA from feces confirms a first state record bird."

SAMUEL HACHÉ, Université de Moncton. "Demographic response of the Ovenbird (*Seiurus aurocapilla*) to experimental selection harvesting."

ZACHARY HANNA, University of California – Berkeley. "Phylogeography of the Orange-crowned Warbler (*Vermivora celata*)."

LORI HARGROVE, University of California – Riverside. "Shifts in elevational distributions of breeding birds in southern California: a manifestation of climate change?"

ERIN HEWETT, Virginia Tech. "Determinant and consequences of social rank in juvenile Red-cockaded Woodpeckers (*Picoides borealis*)."

MIKAELA HOWIE, The College of William and Mary. "The spread of aquatic mercury into a riparian ecosystem."

FRODE JACOBSEN, University of Maryland. "Congruence between nuclear and mitochondrial DNA: Concatenation of multiple nuclear introns resolves a well-supported phylogeny of New World orioles (*Icterus*)."

CARA JOOS, University of Missouri. "Shrub encroachment and condition of wintering Sage Sparrows in southern New Mexico."

MIRAN KIM, University of Glasgow. "Does incubation behavior relate to eggshell background color?"

SCOTT KIMBALL, Ohio State University. "Reproductive success does not affect mate or nest site fidelity in Tree Swallows or Eastern Bluebirds."

DANIKA KLEIBER, University of British Columbia. "Intrasexual female aggression in Song Sparrows."

JOSHUA KUHLMAN, University of Southern Florida. "Acute stress effects on immunity in the House Sparrow."

MICHELLE LABBE, University of Massachusetts. "Do invasive plants affect abundance of forest birds in early-successional habitats during the postfledging season?"

QURESH LATIF, University of California – Riverside. “Unexpected consequences of nest habitat preference for Yellow Warblers.”

MYUNG-BOK LEE, University of California – Riverside. “Matrix matters: Effects of anthropogenic land uses on riparian birds in an arid region.”

ANDREA LINDSAY, Ohio State University. “Seasonal events and associated carry-over effects in a neotropical migratory songbird: the Yellow Warbler.”

REBECCA LOHNES, Cornell University. “Nest site selection by the Common Nighthawk in Kansas tallgrass prairie.”

SCOTT LOSS, University of Minnesota. “Nestling passerines are not important hosts for West Nile Virus in a transmission ‘hot spot.’”

LAUREN MacDADE, Ohio State University. “Contribution of emergent aquatic insects to refueling performance in spring migrant songbirds.”

ELLEN MARTINSEN, University of Vermont. “Speciation of the avian malaria parasites.”

PATRICK McELHONE, West Virginia University. “Cerulean Warbler population and habitat changes along Breeding Bird Survey routes in the central Appalachians.”

BAILEY McKAY, University of Minnesota. “Phylogeography of the Yellow-throated Warbler (*Dendroica dominica*).”

AUSTIN MERCADANTE, Auburn University. “Out of sight, out of mind? Visibility affects nest site selection in Barn Swallows (*Hirundo rustica*).”

CHRIS MERKORD, University of Missouri. “Altitudinal migration of birds in southeastern Peru.”

LUCIANO NAKA, Louisiana State University. “Contact zones and phylogenetic breaks in northwestern Amazonian antbirds (Thamnophilidae).”

ZOLTAN NEMETH, University of Southern Mississippi. “Sociality on the go: Information acquisition under multiple ecological constraints in migrating songbirds.”

JACQUELINE NOOKER, Wartburg College. “Natural variation in testosterone predicts male mating success.”

KARAN ODOM, University of Windsor. “The use of Barred Owl duets in neighbor/stranger recognition and territory defense in a communication network.”

KEVIN OH, University of Arizona. “Comparative mate choice promotes spatiotemporal structuring of sexual traits and genetic complementarity in a passerine bird.”

MARIA GABRIELA PALACIOS, Iowa State University. “Effects of age on immune function – development and senescence.”

MICHAEL PARRISH, University of Georgia. “Changes in avian abundance and diversity across urban-rural gradients in Georgia.”

UTKU PERKTAS, Hacettepe University, Turkey. “Ecogeographic correlates of morphometric variation in the Common Chaffinch.”

ANNA PETERSON, University of Minnesota. “Breeding bird community response to harvest in riparian buffers in northern Minnesota, USA.”

LARS POMARA, University of Texas. “Regional and landscape influences on bird community composition in the northeastern Peruvian Amazon.”

LETITIA REICHART, Washington State University. “Molecular identification of brood parasites: Evidence of a mixed reproductive strategy in Ruddy Ducks.”

MICHELLE RENSEL, University of Memphis. “Parental provisioning and nest attendance influence nestling stress in the Florida Scrub-Jay.”

VIJAYAN ROBIN, National Institute for Advanced Studies, India. "Mountain gaps determine population structure of a threatened, endemic bird in the montane forests of Western Ghats, India."

ORIN ROBINSON, University of South Alabama. "Post-Katrina avian diversity of coastal Alabama islands."

DUSTIN RUBENSTEIN, University of California – Berkeley. "Environmental unpredictability and the evolution of cooperative breeding in African starlings."

JOSEPH SANDS, Texas A&M University. "Invasive exotic grasses and grassland birds: case studies from south Texas."

KARI SCHMIDT, Columbia University. "Mitochondrial phylogeography of Scarlet Macaws: evidence for a complex history."

DANIEL SHUSTACK, Ohio State University. "Are urban forests underutilized by neotropical migratory bird species?"

CHRISTY SLAY, University of Arkansas. "Using miniature video cameras to identify nestling predators and document nesting behavior of four shrubland bird species in western Connecticut."

LAUREN SMITH, Ohio Wesleyan University. "The geography of colorization in parrots."

BRIAN SMITH, University of Nevada – Las Vegas. "Diversification and historical demography of the Northern Cardinal, *Cardinalis cardinalis*."

JINELLE SPERRY, University of Illinois. "Snake activity affects seasonal variation in nest predation risk for birds."

CYNTHIA SPIESS, Southern Illinois University. "Toward utilization of neuron-fuzzy systems for taxonomic identification using psittacines as a case study."

RACHEL SPRAGUE, University of Montana. "Effects of glucocorticoid physiology, age, and environment on parental behavior in albatross."

RACHEL STURGE, University of Maryland. "Revising the New World oriole phylogeny: Greater Antillean Oriole (*Icterus dominicensis*) paraphyly and colonization of South America from Caribbean Islands."

MARCELA SUAREZ-RUBIO, University of Maryland. "Does exurban development influence bird diversity in northern Virginia?"

ALLISON SUSSMAN, University of Delaware. "Examining species range changes based on successive rounds of breeding bird atlases."

NATHAN TARR, Northern Carolina State University. "The effects of off-road vehicle disturbance on nonbreeding shorebird behavior and habitat use."

COREY TARWATER, University of Illinois. "Patterns and consequences of natal dispersal in a neotropical passerine: the Western Slaty Antshrike."

CHRISTOPHER TEMPLETON, University of Washington. "Spatial movements of juvenile Song Sparrows affect song learning."

HARUKA WADA, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. "Transient elevation of corticosterone alters begging behavior and growth of White-crowned Sparrow nestlings."

NATALIE WRIGHT, University of Florida. "Morphological and genetic differences between avian populations on the continental islands of Trinidad and Tobago."

LINDSAY YOUNG, University of Hawaii. "Chicks raising chicks: Successful same-sex pairing in Laysan Albatross."