

Recipients of AOU Travel Awards for 2009

- EVAN ADAMS, University of Maine, "Ecological and physiological implications of migratory strategies: hormones and stable isotopes working together"
- CHRIS BALAKRISHNAN, University of Illinois, Champagne-Urbana, "Multilocus phylogeography of Australian grassfinches"
- INGRID BARCELO, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, "Influence of food and predator abundance on stress levels of Sandhill Cranes (*Grus canadensis*) wintering in northern Mexico"
- DOUGLAS BARRON, University of Illinois, Champagne-Urbana, "A meta-analysis of transmitter effects on avian behavior and ecology"
- MICHELLE BECK, Washington State University, "The influence of local habitat heterogeneity on the strength of sexual selection in Prothonotary Warblers"
- ISABELLE-ANNE BISSON, Princeton University, "No energetic cost of disturbance in migratory songbirds"
- SARAH BODBYL-ROELS, University of Kansas, "A prototype forecasting system for spread of bird-borne diseases in North America"
- GUSTAVO BRAVO, Louisiana State University, "Phylogenetic analysis of phenotypic divergence in the antbirds"
- REBECCA CALISI, University of California, Berkeley, "Recent work in European Starlings yields novel insights on the neural control of reproduction"
- CELIA CHUI, University of Windsor, "Proximate factors mediating carotenoid coloration in Golden-crowned Kinglets (*Regulus satrapa*)"
- REESA CONREY, Colorado State University, "Effects of plague and precipitation on Burrowing Owl diet and breeding success"
- KRISTIN DEGROOT, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, "Poor body condition may influence breeding propensity of Lesser Scaup nesting in boreal Alaska"
- LAURA DORNAK, University of Kansas, "Spatiotemporal variation in Henslow's Sparrow populations at three spatial scales"
- KEVIN FRASER, University of New Brunswick, "Migration in the 3rd dimension: what we know about tropical altitudinal migration and why we need to know more"
- ASHLEY GAM, University of Georgia, "Effects of corticosterone administration on offspring primary sex ratio in Zebra Finch (*Taeniopygia guttata*)"
- JACKIE GAUDIOSO, University of Hawaii, Hilo, "Knemidokoptic mange in Hawai'i Amakihi (*Hemignathus virens*): one year later"
- RYAN GERMAIN, Queen's University, "Smaller, blacker subadult males occupy superior winter territories in the American Redstart (*Setophaga ruticilla*)"
- LAURI GREEN, University of California, Los Angeles, "Macroalgal mats alter foraging behavior of shorebirds in a southern California estuary"
- EMMA GRIEG, University of Chicago, "A predator-elicited song in the Splendid Fairy-wren"
- DANIEL HANLEY, University of Windsor, "The evolution of egg coloration: a comparative examination of multiple hypotheses"
- BOBBY HSU, University of Hawaii, Hilo, "Transfer and effects of maternal anti-plasmodium antibodies in Hawaii Amakihi and Common Canary"

JOANNA HUBBARD, University of Colorado, Boulder, "He's just not that into you: variation in female coloration is not driven by male mate choice in Eastern Bluebirds"

ALLYSON JACKSON, College of William and Mary, "Survival in a created landscape: radio-tracking fledgling bluebirds on golf courses"

JASON KEAGY, University of Maryland, College Park, "Male general cognitive ability influences male mating success in the Satin Bowerbird"

ANNA KEARNS, University of Queensland, "The Australo-Papuan butcherbirds: comparative studies among closely related species"

PATRICK KELLEY, University of California, Davis, "A performance for the ages: implications of age-related changes in song structure in a suboscine bird, the Western Slaty Antshrike (*Thamnophilus atrinucha*)"

JULIE KOLOFF, University of Windsor, "The vocal behaviour of a neotropical suboscine: the Barred Antshrike (*Thamnophilus doliatus*)"

ALAN KRAKAUER, University of California, Davis, "Vocal and anatomical evidence for a two-voiced system in the Greater Sage-Grouse (*Centrocercus urophasianus*)"

VAN LA, University of Windsor, "The vocal behavior of Common Loons (*Gavia immer*): variation with time of day and weather conditions"

KRISTEN LEAR, Ohio Wesleyan University, "Netting methods influence age distribution in samples of Cliff Swallows"

HAW-CHUAN LIM, Louisiana State University, "Examining diversification of avian lineages in Sundaland using statistical phylogeographic and ecological niche modeling approaches"

ANDRES LIRA-NORIEGA, University of Kansas, "Ecological characterization of Say's and Eastern Phoebes at multiple spatial scales"

ASHLEY LONG, Emporia State University, "Negative effect of mesquite density on Lark Sparrow nest success"

ERIN MACCHIA, Arkansas State University, "The influence of weather on avian collisions at communication towers"

BRADY MATTSSON, University of Georgia, "Seasonal composition and dynamics of bird communities in secondary forest and shade-coffee plantations of the San Luis Valley, Costa Rica"

ANGIE MAXTED, University of Georgia, "Avian influenza infection dynamics among shorebird hosts at the Delaware Bay spring migration stopover site"

CHRIS MCCLURE, Auburn University, "Evidence that House Sparrow population declines are not due to breeding season competition with House Finches"

BAILEY MCKAY, University of Minnesota, "The causes of mitochondrial DNA gene tree paraphyly in birds"

EMILY MCKINNON, University of New Brunswick, "Bicknell's and Swainson's Thrushes in regenerating New Brunswick clearcuts: niche separation by nest site and diet"

ALLISON MCLEAN, Griffin University, "Phylogeography meets systematics in a multilocus framework: the Chestnut-shouldered Fairy-Wrens (*Malurus spp.*)"

AUSTIN MERCADANTE, Auburn University, "Eastern Bluebird (*Sialia sialis*) coloration as a signal for male-male competition"

LOREN MERILL, University of California, Santa Barbara, "The effects of stress on the immune system as mediated by the stress hormone corticosterone"

YOSHINORI NAKAZAWA, University of Kansas, "An environmentally-based null model for biodiversity in South America and Africa"

BRANDON NOEL, Arkansas State University, "Are bottomland hardwood forests high-quality habitats for Pileated Woodpeckers?"

JEFF NORRIS, University of Missouri, St. Louis, "The potential problem of penguins for avian conservation in Costa Rica"

RAUL ORTIZ-PULIDO, Universidad Autonoma de Tlaxcala, Mexico, "Patterns in the relationship hummingbird-plant in central eastern Mexico"

ANNEKA OSMUN, University of Windsor, "Comparison of male and female activity within shared territories in a neotropical duetting passerine, the Rufous-and-white Wren (*Thryothorus rufalbus*)"

JESSICA OWENS, University of Tennessee, "Variation in social and vocal behavior of Tufted Titmice across habitat type"

SARAH PINSON, University of Georgia, "The effect of acute corticosterone injections on offspring sex in the white leghorn"

LUKE POWELL, Louisiana State University, "Nesting fate and ecological traps in declining Rusty Blackbird (*Euphagus carolinus*) populations: why the breeding grounds matter"

HEIDI PUCKETT, Mississippi State University, "Conservation buffers for breeding grassland birds in Mississippi"

NATHAN RATHBUN, Indiana State University, "Signaling alternative strategies: choice, copulation & color in the White-throated Sparrow"

MICHELLE RENSEL, University of Memphis, "Maternal investment and helper contribution to nestling growth in the Florida Scrub-Jay"

CHADWICK RITTENHOUSE, University of Wisconsin, Madison, "Conservation of forest birds: evidence of a shifting baseline in community structure"

JIM RIVERS, Oregon State University, "Alarm calls of White-crowned Sparrow parents fail to stimulate corticosterone production in their offspring"

BLANCA ROLDAN, El Colegio de la Frontera Sur, "Nest success of the tropical Black Catbird in the north coast of Sian Ka'an Biosphere Reserve, México"

BRIAN ROLEK, Auburn University, "Microhabitat associations of wintering birds in a southeastern bottomland forest within the eastern Gulf Coastal Plain"

MELISSA ROWE, Arizona State University, "Ejaculate quality, plumage coloration and reproductive phenotype in the Red-backed Fairy-Wren"

VIVIANA RUIZ, Cornell University, "Occupancy dynamics in a tropical bird community: forest is favored across species"

VINOD SARANATHAN, Yale University, "Evolutionary photonics of avian quasi-ordered nanostructures"

AARON SCHREY, University of South Florida, "Microsatellite analysis of population structure in the House Sparrow"

LAUREN SMITH, Ohio Wesleyan University, "The geography of parrot coloration"

BRIAN SMITH, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, "Historical biogeography and molecular systematics of the *Forpus* parrotlets"

MARY STODDARD, University of Cambridge, "Host egg pattern mimicry by the Common Cuckoo, *Cuculus canorus*: objective methods based on avian visual perception"

SARAH THOMPSON, Arkansas State University, "Are Bewick's Wrens (*Thryomanes bewickii bewickii*) extirpated from Arkansas"

MORGAN TINGLEY, University of California, Berkeley, "Birds track their grinnellian niche in response to a century of climate change"

JASON TOWNSEND, SUNY-College of Environmental Science and Forestry, "Gender and age distribution of Bicknell's Thrush at two wintering sites in the Dominican Republic: evidence for sexual habitat segregation"

ANDREA TOWNSEND, Cornell University, "Inbreeding, body condition and survival in cooperative crows"

SARAH TREMAIN, University of Windsor, "The vocal behavior and reproductive strategies of a neotropical duetting wren"

TRAVIS WILCOXEN, University of Memphis, "Reproductive senescence in Florida Scrub-Jays: a physiological perspective"

SEAN WILLIAMS, Ohio Wesleyan University, "Dark bills to reduce glare is a widespread adaptation among birds"

NATALIE WRIGHT, University of Florida, "Gene flow and divergence in birds on the islands of Trinidad and Tobago"