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Education

Oregon State University, Ph.D., Botany & Plant Pathology 2016
Oregon State University, Graduate Certificate in College and University Teaching 2015
Portland State University, M.S., Biology 2010
Colorado College, B.A., Biology 2005

Employment

Oregon State University

Environmental DNA monitoring, Research Associate (Postdoc), *Dept. of Fisheries & Wildlife* 2017-
Bioinformatics e-Trainer, Faculty Research Asst., *Center for Genome Research & Biocomputing* 2016-
2017
Graduate Research & Herbarium Assistant, *Dept. of Botany & Plant Pathology* 2010-2016
Graduate Teaching Assistant, *Dept. of Botany & Plant Pathology* 2015-2016

Publications

Refereed Journal Articles

Coble AA, CA Flinders, JA Homyack, B Penaluna, RC Cronn, **K Weitemier**. 2019. eDNA as a tool for identifying freshwater species in sustainable forestry: a critical review and potential future applications. *Science of the Total Environment*. 649:1157-1170. doi: [10.1016/j.scitotenv.2018.08.370](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.scitotenv.2018.08.370) *Early Access*

Muñoz-Rodríguez P, T Carruthers, JRI Wood, BRM Williams, **K Weitemier**, B Kronmiller, D Ellis, NL Anglin, L Longway, SA Harris, MD Rausher, S Kelly, A Liston, RW Scotland. 2018. Reconciling conflicting phylogenies in the origin of sweet potato and dispersal to Polynesia. *Current Biology*. 28(8):1246-1256.

Livshultz T, E Kaltenecker, SCK Straub, **K Weitemier**, E Hirsch, K Koval, L Mema, A Liston. 2018. Evolution of pyrrolizidine alkaloid biosynthesis in Apocynaceae: revisiting the defence de-escalation hypothesis. *New Phytologist* 218(2):762-773.

- Schmickl R, A Liston, V Zeisek, K Oberlander, **K Weitemier**, SCK Straub, RC Cronn, LL Dreyer, J Suda. 2016. Phylogenetic marker development for target enrichment from transcriptome and genome skim data: the pipeline and its application in southern African *Oxalis* (Oxalidaceae). *Molecular Ecology Resources* 16(5):1124-1135.
- Weitemier K**, SCK Straub, M Fishbein, A Liston. 2015. Intragenomic polymorphisms among high-copy loci: A genus-wide study of nuclear ribosomal DNA in *Asclepias* (Apocynaceae). *PeerJ* 3:e718.
- Weitemier K**, SCK Straub, RC Cronn, M Fishbein, R Schmickl, A McDonnell, A Liston. 2014. Hyb-Seq: Combining target enrichment and genome skimming for plant phylogenomics. *Applications in Plant Science* 2(9):1400042.
- Straub SCK, M Parks, **K Weitemier**, M Fishbein, RC Cronn, A Liston. 2012. Navigating the tip of the genomic iceberg: Next-generation sequencing for plant systematics. *American Journal of Botany* 99(2):349-364.
- Straub SCK, M Fishbein, T Livschultz, Z Foster, M Parks, **K Weitemier**, RC Cronn, A Liston. 2011. Building a model: Developing genomic resources for common milkweed (*Asclepias syriaca*) with low coverage genome sequencing. *BMC Genomics* 12:211.
- Kelso S, P Beardsley, **K Weitemier**. 2009. Phylogeny and biogeography of *Primula* sect. *Parryi* (Primulaceae). *International Journal of Plant Sciences* 170(1):93-106.

Preprints

- Weitemier K**, SCK Straub, M Fishbein, CD Bailey, RC Cronn, A Liston. 2018. The genome and transcriptome of common milkweed (*Asclepias syriaca*): resources for evolutionary, ecological, and molecular studies in milkweeds and Apocynaceae. *PeerJ Preprints* 6:e26488v1.

Other Publications

- Penaluna BE, LL Hauck, **K Weitemier**, T Garcia, R Cronn. 2018. Aquatic Biodiversity from a Bottle of Water: Using eDNA to Understand Species Richness. *StreamNotes: The Technical Newsletter of the National Stream and Aquatic Ecology Center*. August:1-3.
- Weitemier, K**. 2011. First Steps of Diversification? Relationships Among the Many Varieties of Pacific Lupine. *Douglasia* 35(3):1-3.

Presentations

Invited Presentation

- Weitemier K**. Targeting genomic regions of interest in non-model organisms. Mycroarray - Planning a successful target enrichment project [Teaching workshop]. Plant & Animal Genome XXIV. San Diego, CA. 2016.

Public Presentation

Keynote Address: Sleuthing species splits and spreads. Native Plant Society of Oregon Annual Meeting. Roseburg, OR. 2017.

Workshops

Co-organized and instructed “An Introduction to Next Generation Sequencing” at the annual Botany meeting. 2012-2016.

Papers[§] and Posters⁺ (*Presenting authors)

§**Weitemier K***, L Hauck, T Garcia, B Penaluna, R Cronn. Stream samples to species lists: Multi-species detection with environmental DNA and high-throughput sequencing. Oregon Chapter American Fisheries Society. Eugene, OR. 2018.

§**Weitemier K***, A Liston. Genome-enabled phylogeography in the Great Basin milkweed, *Asclepias cryptoceras* (Apocynaceae). Botany 2016. Savannah, GA. 2016.

§**Weitemier K***, SCK Straub, M Fishbein, A Liston. Intragenomic polymorphisms among high-copy loci: a genus-wide study of nuclear ribosomal DNA in *Asclepias* (Apocynaceae). Botany 2015. Edmonton, AB. 2015.

§Liston A, **K Weitemier**, B Kronmiller, M Zarrei, T Dickinson*. Using Hyb-Seq data to test phylogenetic hypotheses in hawthorns (*Crataegus*, Rosaceae). Botany 2015, Edmonton, AB. 2015.

+Jennings T*, R Cronn, B Burgess, S Jogdeo, A Liston, **K Weitemier**, B Kinder. The Oxford Nanopore Minion: A tool for combating illegal logging of white oaks? Plant & Animal Genome XXIII. San Diego, CA. 2015.

+Schmickl R*, A Liston, K Oberlander, **K Weitemier**, V Zeisek, S Straub, R Cronn, L Dreyer, J Suda. The combination of target enrichment and genome skimming (Hyb-Seq) for phylogenetic reconstruction of South African Oxalis (Oxalidaceae). Plant & Animal Genome XXIII. San Diego, CA. 2015.

+**Weitemier K***, S Straub, M Fishbein, A Liston. Intragenomic polymorphisms among high-copy loci: A genus-wide study of nuclear ribosomal DNA in *Asclepias*. Botany 2014, Boise, ID. 2014.

§**Weitemier K***, S Straub, M Fishbein, R Cronn, A Liston. Genome-enabled phylogeography in *Asclepias cryptoceras*. Botany 2013, New Orleans, LA. 2013.

+**Weitemier K***, S Straub, M Fishbein, R Cronn, A Liston. Genome-enabled phylogeography in *Asclepias cryptoceras*. American Genetic Association Symposium 2013, Ithaca, NY. 2013.

§**Weitemier K***, S Straub, M Parks, R Cronn, M Fishbein, A Liston. Challenges and utility of heterozygous genome assembly: *Asclepias syriaca*. Botany 2012, Columbus, OH. 2012.

+**Weitemier K***, S Straub, M Parks, R Cronn, M Fishbein, A Liston. Intra-genomic rDNA sequence diversity across the milkweed genus, *Asclepias* (Apocynaceae). Evolution 2011, Norman, OK. 2011.

- +**Weitemier K***, S Straub, M Parks, R Cronn, M Fishbein, A Liston. Intra-genomic rDNA sequence diversity among 84 milkweeds (*Asclepias*, Apocynaceae). Plant & Animal Genome XIX. San Diego, CA. 2011.
- §**Weitemier K***. Phylogenetic and phylogeographic analysis of *Lupinus lepidus*. Evolution 2010. Portland, OR. 2010.
- +**Weitemier K***. Phylogenetic patterns and intervarietal relationships within *Lupinus lepidus*. EVO-WIBO. Port Townsend, WA. 2010.
- §**Weitemier K***. Phylogenetic relationships among varieties of *Lupinus lepidus* (Fabaceae). Botany 2009. Snowbird, UT. 2009.
- +**Weitemier K***. Focusing on blurry lines: A coalescent approach to a perennial lupine species complex. Evolution 2009. University of Idaho, Moscow, ID. 2009.
- +**Weitemier K***. Phylogenetic analysis of the *Lupinus lepidus* species complex from noncoding cpDNA sequence data. Botany 2008. University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC. 2008.
- +Kelso S, P Beardsley, **K Weitemier***. Phylogenetic perspectives on speciation and biogeography of *Primula* Section *Parryi*, endemic to western North America. Botany 2008. Vancouver, BC. 2008.
- +Kelso S*, **K Weitemier***, M Bilodeau, P Beardsley. Phylogeny of *Primula* sect. *Parryi* in the Intermountain and Rocky Mountain West: Perspectives from ITS, ETS, cpDNA, and AFLP sequences. Botany 2006. Chico, CA. 2006.
- §**Weitemier K***. Phylogenetic Relationships Within *Primula* section *Parryi*: an AFLP Analysis. Colorado Springs Undergraduate Research Forum. United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO. 2005.

Awarded Grants

Hybrid Course Development, OSU center for Teaching & Learning	2017
Portland Garden Club	2015, 2014
Gottlieb Award for Plant Evolutionary Biology, Oregon State University	2014
Botanical Society of America, Genetics Section	2014
Botanical Society of America	2014
Templeton Award for Plant Systematics, Oregon State University	2013
Moldenke Fund for Plant Systematics, Oregon State University	2012, 2011
American Society for Plant Taxonomists	2009
Society of Systematic Biologists	2008
Washington Native Plant Society	2008
Forbes-Lea Award, Portland State University	2008
Native Plant Society of Oregon	2008

Awards & Honors

Oregon Lottery Graduate Scholarship 2013
Honorable Mention: NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program 2009, 2008

Professional & University Service

Reviewing Editor, *Applications in Plant Sciences* 2018-
Reviewer, American Society of Plant Taxonomists - Graduate Student Research Award 2018
Student Promotion & Tenure Committee, Oregon State University, Dept. Botany & Plant Pathology
2013-2014
Graduate Studies Committee, Oregon State University, Dept. Botany & Plant Pathology 2013
Faculty Liaison, Portland State University Biology Association of Graduate Students 2009

Community Outreach & Leadership

Board Member-at-Large: Native Plant Society of Oregon 2014-2016
Online Science Mentor: PlantingScience.org 2009-2016
Science fair judge: Intel Northwest Science Expo 2010-2016
OSU Ag Days: Botany activity for "at risk" high school students 2015
Invited guest: Inspiration Dissemination: Radio program discussing graduate student research
and paths to graduate school 2014
President: Native Plant Society of Oregon, Corvallis Chapter 2012-2014
Youth outreach: Winter Wonderings, teaching elementary students evolution 2012
Youth outreach: Discovery Days, Oregon State University 2010-2011

Professional Affiliations

American Society of Plant Taxonomists
Botanical Society of America
Society of Systematic Biologists