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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Integrating traditional ecological field methods with genetic and genomic tools to investigate the natural and anthropogenic drivers of local adaptation and shifting range dynamics in mammalian wildlife.

EDUCATION

2016 – **Ph.D. in Ecology with an Emphasis in Ecological Genetics and Genomics**

Current University of California at Davis. Davis, CA

Supervisor: Dr. Ben Sacks.

2008 – **B.S. in Evolution, Ecology, and Biodiversity**

2012 College of Biological Sciences

University of California at Davis. Davis, CA

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

- Jan 2021 Quinn CB, **Preckler-Quisquater S**, Akins JA, Cross P, Alden PB, Vanderzwan SL, Stephenson JA, Figura P, Green GA, Hiller T, Sacks BN. 2022. *Contrasting genetic trajectories of endangered and expanding red fox populations in the western U.S.* *Heredity*.
- Dec 2020 Sacks BN, Mitchell KJ, Quinn CB, Hennelly LM, Sinding MHS, Statham MJ, **Preckler-Quisquater S**, Fain SR, Kistler L, Vanderzwan SL, Meachen JA, Ostrander EA, Frantz LAF. 2021. *Historical mitochondrial genomes reveal Pleistocene origin of the red wolf and insights for North American Canis phylogeography.* *Molecular Ecology*. 30:4292–4304.
- Nov 2018 Agha M, Batter T, Bolas EC, Collins AC, Gomes da Rocha D, Monteza-Moreno CM, **Preckler-Quisquater S**, Sollman R. 2018. *A review of wildlife camera trapping trends across Africa.* *African Journal of Ecology*. 56(4):694-701. Authors ordered alphabetically with equal contribution.
- Aug 2018 Black KM, **Preckler-Quisquater S**, Batter TJ, Anderson S, Sacks, BN. 2018. *Occupancy Modeling to Characterize Habitat Use and Population Size of the Sacramento Valley Red Fox.* *Journal of Wildlife Management*
- In Review Kierepka E, **Preckler-Quisquater S**, Reding D, Piaggio A, Riley S, Sacks BN. (In Review) *Genomic analysis of ancient gray fox lineages in secondary contact suggests cryptic speciation within the most basal canid.* *Heredity*
- In Prep **Preckler-Quisquater S**, Quinn CB, Batter TJ, S. Sacks, BN. (In Prep). *Maintenance of a narrow hybrid zone between native and introduced red foxes despite conspecificity and high dispersal capabilities*
- In Prep **Preckler-Quisquater S**, Kierepka E, Reding D, Piaggio A, Riley S, Sacks BN. (In Prep). *Whole-genome sequencing uncovers recent admixture pulses and selective introgression between highly divergent gray fox lineages.*
- In Prep **Preckler-Quisquater S**, Oleksy SP, Quinn CB, Owen JD, Sacks, BN (In Prep). *Morphological signatures of elevational adaptation between closely related red fox lineages in the western United States.*
- In Prep **Preckler-Quisquater, S.**, Davis, T., Sacks, B.N. (In Prep) *Optimizing tissue sampling and extraction protocols for next-generation genomic sequencing of degraded specimens.*

TECHNICAL REPORTS

- April 2022 Sacks BN, Quinn CB, **Preckler-Quisquater S**. 2022. *Genomic markers for the Sierra Nevada red fox.* Report to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 30 April 2022.
- May 2019 Bellido F, Broad A, Gaffney S, Hernandez D, Holmes A, Lo V, Moore-O’Leary K, Peckney J, **Preckler-Quisquater S**, Schwartz M, Wiener J, Williamson M. *Climate Threats Assessment for the Kern and Pixley National Wildlife Refuges.* Report generated for USFWS. *Authors listed in alphabetical order
- Sep 2017 **Preckler-Quisquater, S.**, Anderson, S., Nguyen, C., Sacks, B.N. 2017. *Range-wide Occupancy Survey for the Sacramento Valley red fox.* Final Report to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. September 30, 2017. pp.1-18.

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

Feb 2022	Best Poster Presentation – Graduate Student Symposium in Ecology
2020-2021	Kit Rice Ecology Fellowship (\$4,000)
2020-2021	UC Davis Graduate Group in Ecology Fellowship (\$13,000)
Feb 2020	Best Oral Presentation – The Wildlife Society Western Section
2019-2020	UC Davis Graduate Group in Ecology Fellowship (\$12,000)
2018-2019	William and Linda Sullivan Environmental Sciences Scholarship (\$2,000)
2017-2018	UC Davis Graduate Group in Ecology Fellowship (\$12,000)
2017-2018	UC Davis Ecology Student Endowment Award (\$1,500)

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Nov 2022	Preckler-Quisquater S , Kierepka E, Reding D, Piaggio A, Riley S, Sacks BN. (Submitted Abstract). <i>Whole-genome sequencing uncovers recent admixture pulses and selective introgression between highly divergent gray fox lineages</i> . Oral Presentation. The Wildlife Society National Conference. Spokane, WA.
Feb 2022	Preckler-Quisquater S , Kierepka E, Reding D, Piaggio A, Riley S, Sacks BN. (2022) <i>Genomic sequencing across a zone of secondary contact uncovers complex demographic history and admixture between cryptic gray fox lineages</i> . Poster Presentation. The Western Section of The Wildlife Society Conference. Reno, NV
Feb 2022	Quinn CB, Preckler-Quisquater S , Carlson J, Figura P, Akins J, Hiller T, Sacks BN. (2022) <i>Genomic consequences of population declines in the Sierra Nevada and Cascade red fox subspecies</i> . Poster Presentation. The Western Section of The Wildlife Society Conference. Reno, NV
Feb 2022	Preckler-Quisquater , Kierepka E, Reding D, Piaggio A, Riley S, Sacks BN. (2022) <i>Genomic sequencing across a zone of secondary contact uncovers complex demographic history and admixture between cryptic gray fox lineages</i> . Poster Presentation. UC Davis Graduate Student Symposium in Ecology. <u>Awarded Best Poster Presentation</u> .
Jan 2022	Preckler-Quisquater S , Kierepka E, Reding D, Piaggio A, Riley S, Sacks BN. (2022) <i>Genomic sequencing across a zone of secondary contact uncovers complex demographic history and admixture between cryptic gray fox lineages</i> . Poster Presentation. International Plant and Animal Genomics Conference. Virtual.
Feb 2020	Preckler-Quisquater S , Sacks BN. (2020) <i>Do Reproductive Barrier Genes Contribute to the Maintenance of Distinct Red Fox (Vulpes vulpes) Populations across a Zone of Secondary Contact?</i> Oral Presentation. The Wildlife Society Western Section Conference. Redding, CA. <u>Awarded Best Oral Presentation</u> .
Feb 2020	Davis, TM, Preckler-Quisquater S , Sacks BN. (2020) <i>Optimizing tissue sampling and extraction protocols for next-generation genomic sequencing</i> . Poster Presentation. The Wildlife Society Western Section Conference. Redding, CA. <u>Awarded Best Poster Presentation</u> .
Feb 2020	Serrano M, Owen JD, Preckler-Quisquater S , Vanderzwan S, Sacks BN. (2020) San Francisco Urban Coyote Repopulation: A Noninvasive Genetic Perspective. Poster Presentation. The Wildlife Society Western Section Conference. Redding, CA.
Jan 2020	Preckler-Quisquater S , Sacks BN. (2020) <i>Do Reproductive Barrier Genes Contribute to the Maintenance of Distinct Red Fox (Vulpes vulpes) Populations across a Zone of Secondary Contact?</i> Poster Presentation. International Plant and Animal Genomics Conference. San Diego, CA.
Sep 2019	Preckler-Quisquater S , Sacks BN. (2019) <i>Does Natural Selection Affect Gene Flow Between Nonnative and Native Red Fox Populations?</i> Oral Presentation. The Wildlife Society National Conference. Reno, NV.
Feb 2018	Preckler-Quisquater, S. , Anderson S., Buchalski, M., Sacks, B.N. (2018) <i>Assessing selective introgression of nonnative red fox genes into the genomic background of the native Sacramento Valley red fox</i> . Poster Presentation. The Wildlife Society Conference Western Section Conference. Santa Rosa, CA.
Nov 2017	Preckler-Quisquater, S. , Anderson S., Buchalski, M., Sacks, B.N. (2017) <i>Assessing selective introgression of nonnative red fox genes into the genomic background of the native Sacramento Valley red fox</i> . Poster Presentation. CA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife Science Symposium.
Nov 2017	Preckler-Quisquater, S. , Anderson, S., Miles, K., Batter, T.J., Sacks, B.N. (2017) <i>Occupancy estimation as a tool to test and refine a predictive species distribution model for the Sacramento Valley red fox (Vulpes vulpes patwin)</i> . Poster Presentation. CA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife Science Symposium.
Jun 2017	Preckler-Quisquater, S. , Stacy Anderson, Miles, K., Batter, T.J., Sacks, B.N. (2017) <i>California Native Species Presentation: Sacramento Valley red fox (Vulpes vulpes patwin)</i> . Oral Presentation. California Natural Diversity Database Branch. Sacramento, CA.

Mar 2017	Preckler-Quisquater, S., Stacy Anderson, Miles, K., Batter, T.J., Sacks, B.N. (2017) <i>Summary of Results on a three-year State Wildlife Grant funded study on the Sacramento Valley red fox (Vulpes vulpes patwin)</i> . Oral Presentation. California Dept. of Fish & Wildlife. Rancho Cordova, CA.
Nov 2017	Preckler-Quisquater, S., Anderson, S., Miles, K., Batter, T.J., Sacks, B.N. (2017) <i>Occupancy estimation as a tool to test and refine a predictive species distribution model for the Sacramento Valley red fox</i> . Poster Presentation. CA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife Science Symposium.
Feb 2017	Preckler-Quisquater, S., Kat Miles, Tom J. Batter, Stacy Anderson, Ben N. Sacks (2017) <i>Occupancy estimation as a tool to test and refine a predictive species distribution model for the Sacramento Valley red fox</i> . Oral Presentation. The Wildlife Society Western Section Conference. Reno, NV.
Feb 2017	Preckler-Quisquater, S., Kat Miles, Tom J. Batter, Stacy Anderson, Ben N. Sacks (2017) <i>Occupancy estimation as a tool to test and refine a predictive species distribution model for the Sacramento Valley red fox</i> . Oral Presentation. UC Davis Graduate Student Symposium in Ecology, UC Davis. Davis, CA
Feb 2016	Preckler-Quisquater, S., Tom J. Batter, Stacy Anderson, Ben N. Sacks. (2016) <i>Increasing distribution of nonnative red fox haplotypes within the range of the native Sacramento Valley red fox</i> . Poster Presentation. The Wildlife Society Western Section Conference. Pomona, CA.

TEACHING

1 semester	Invited Guest Lecturer. Conservation Biology. American River College. Sacramento, CA. Fall 2020
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1 semester	Invited Guest Lecturer. Wildlife Biology. American River College. Sacramento, CA. Spring 2020
3 semesters	Invited Guest Lecturer. Mammalogy. Sacramento State University. Sacramento, CA. Fall 2017-2019.
1 quarter	Teaching Assistant. Field Methods in Wildlife, Fish, & Conservation Biology. UC Davis, CA.
3 quarter	Teaching Assistant. Introduction to Evolution. Biological Sciences Department. UC Davis, CA.
5 quarters	Teaching Assistant. Introductory Biology: Principles of Ecology and Evolution. Biological Sciences Department. UC Davis. Davis, CA.
March 2019	Software Carpentry Instructor Training. Trained in evidence-based pedagogy for teaching foundational computational and data science skills to diverse groups of researchers.

MENTORSHIP

2020 – 2021	Career Discovery Group Mentor to 21 first-year, UC Davis undergraduate students. Working to guide them throughout the 2020-2021 school year as they assess their skills, interests, and values, and the role in which these play in successfully choosing a major and building a career.
2019 – 2021	Graduate Student Mentor to Stephanie Oleksy. Undergraduate Animal Biology Research Practicum: <i>Museum skull specimens offer insight into ecologically relevant body size differences between closely related montane and lowland red fox subspecies.</i>
2018 – 2019	Graduate Student Mentor to Taylor Davis. Independent research project: <i>Optimizing tissue sampling and extraction protocol for next-generation genomic sequencing.</i>
2017 – 2018	Graduate Student Mentor to Emma Sutphin. Undergraduate Animal Biology Research Practicum: <i>Comparison of photographic and genetic determination of abundance of Sacramento Valley Red Foxes (Vulpes vulpes patwin) at den sites.</i>
2016 – 2017	Graduate Student Mentor to Nicole Gonzalez. Undergraduate Animal Biology Research Practicum: <i>Contrasting Relative Abundance Indices between Designated and Non-Designated Wildlife Areas.</i>

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

The Wildlife Society – member
Society of Conservation Biology – member
Molecular Ecology Working Group (TWS) – member
Western Section of The Wildlife Society – member

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2019, 2020	Co-Chair – Graduate Student Symposium in Ecology
2017, 2019	Committee Member – UC Davis Graduate Group in Ecology Admissions
2017, 2018	Committee Member – Graduate Student Symposium in Ecology
2016, 2017	Meeting Representative – Graduate Student Association

PUBLIC SERVICE & OUTREACH

- Fall 2021 **Preckler-Quisquater S.** (2021) *Trappers help fill the knowledge gap in North American red fox history*. Saskatchewan Trappers Association Magazine. Fall 2021. Popular science publication written as part of a broader coordinated effort to obtain genetic samples from trappers throughout Canadian provinces.
- Dec 2020 **Preckler-Quisquater S.** (2020) *Peaks, Valleys, and Farms: Insights into the complex heritage of western red foxes*. Yolo Basin Foundation Flyway Nights Speaker Series, **Invited Speaker**.
- 2017 – 2022 UC Davis Girls Outdoor Adventure in Leadership and Science (GOALS). **Founding member**. Developed a free, immersive summer science program for high school girls and gender-expansive youth.
- Apr 2016 **Preckler-Quisquater S.** (2021) *Current status of the Sacramento Valley red fox in light of a proposed RV Campsite development at a sensitive denning site*. CA State Parks Commission. Invited Speaker.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Sep 2016 – **Graduate Research.** PhD in Ecology with an Area of Emphasis in Ecological Genetics and Genomics, Present UC Davis, Ecology Graduate Group, P.I. Sacks BN. Davis, CA
- Jun 2015 – **Field Technician.** Sacramento Valley red fox project. UC Davis – California Department of Fish and Aug 2016 Wildlife. P.I Sacks BN. Davis, CA.
- Nov 2013 – **Biological Science Technician.** Fisher Research Project, Pacific Southwest Research Station, US Forest May 2015 Service. P.I. Thompson C. Oakhurst, CA.
- Apr 2013 – **Biological Science Technician.** Sierra Nevada Adaptive Management Project – Pacific Fisher Nov 2013 Monitoring, UC Berkeley. P.I. Roller G. Oakhurst, CA.
- Jan 2012 – **Field Technician.** Mendocino Deer and Mountain Lion Project. UC Davis – California Department of Mar 2013 Fish and Wildlife. P.I. Forrester T. Mendocino National Forest, CA.
- Sep 2010 – **Research Intern.** Giraffe Research Project. UC Davis – Kenya Wildlife Service. P.I. Vanderwaal K. Aug 2011 Davis, CA – Ol' Pejeta Nature Conservancy, Nanyuki, Kenya.
- Dec 2010 – **Research Intern.** Chimpanzee Research Project. UC Davis. P.I. Sharpe N. Oakland Zoo, Oakland, CA Jun 2011 – Ol' Pejeta Nature Conservancy, Nanyuki, Kenya.