

QUANTITATIVE AND SYSTEMS BIOLOGY COLLOQUIUM:

Understanding the speciation process through phenotypes, genotypes, and behavior



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<u>Time:</u> 12:30 – 1:45 PM

Location: GRAN 135

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About the Speaker:

Stepfanie Aguillon is a broadly trained evolutionary biologist interested in understanding the process of speciation in nature. Stepfanie received her BS and MS from the University of Arizona, her PhD from Cornell University, and is currently an independent Stanford Science Fellow. She will be starting her lab at UCLA in summer 2024.

Abstract:

Stepfanie's research integrates genomic sequencing with behavioral ecology and organismal biology to unravel the mechanisms involved in the evolution of reproductive isolation. In particular, she leverages natural hybridization- interbreeding between distinct taxa- in birds and fish to study mating decisions in action. Stepfanie will discuss her work in northern flickers focused on the evolution of color differences and her work in swordtail fish focused on the genomic consequences of female mate choice decisions.



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