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I am a research ecologist and statistician who uses quantitative tools to answer questions at the intersection of fundamental ecology and applied conservation. My research revolves around three specific themes: (1) improving tools for sampling and modeling species distributions and dynamics; (2) identifying threatened populations and underlying causes; and (3) developing applied conservation and management solutions for species impacted by anthropogenic disturbances. Please visit my website to learn more.

**EDUCATION**

2012-2017 **Ph.D. in Forest Ecosystems and Society**, Oregon State University

2012-2017 **M.S. in Statistics**, Oregon State University

2006-2009 **M.S. in Wildlife Science, minor in Statistics,** Louisiana State University

2001-2004 **B.A. in Zoology and Environmental Science** Miami University

**SELECT PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

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