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Education

2021 **Ph.D**, Biology, School of Biological Sciences, Washington State University,

Adviser: Dr. Hubert Schwabl

2010 **B.S**, Wildlife Biology, College of Forestry & Conservation, University of Montana

Publications

Published

- 16. Hotaling, S., **Boersma, J.**, Paprocki, N. A., Anderson, A., Whiles, L., Ogburn, L., Kasper, S., White, C., Thornton, D. H., & Wimberger, P. Human and wildlife use of mountain glacier habitat in western North America. *Northwest Science (In Press)*
- 15. Brooks, W. E., **Boersma, J.**, Paprocki, N., Wimberger, P., & Hotaling, S. Community science for enigmatic ecosystems: using eBird to assess avian biodiversity on glaciers and snowfields. In Review, *Journal of Field Ornithology (In Press)*
- 14. **Boersma, J.**, Enbody, E. D., Watts, H. E., Karubian, J., & Schwabl, H. Drought disrupts year-round breeding readiness in a tropical songbird. In Press, *Avian Conservation and Ecology.*
- 13. **Boersma, J.,** McQueen, A, Peters A., Welklin, J. F., Khalil, S. Quispe, R., Goymann, W., & Schwabl, H. (2022). Unexpected long-term retention of subcutaneous beeswax implants and additional notes on dose and composition from four testosterone implant studies. *General and Comparative Endocrinology*, 114124.
- 12. Jones, J. A., **Boersma, J.**, & Karubian, J. (2022). Female aggression towards same-sex rivals depends on context in a tropical songbird. *Behavioural Processes* 202, 104735.
- 11. Enbody, E. D, Sin, S. Y. W., **Boersma, J.**, Edwards, S. V., Schwabl, H., Webster, M. S., & Karubian, J. (2022). Evolutionary history and mechanisms of production suggest selection for female ornamentation in a tropical songbird. *Evolution* 76(8): 1720-1736.
- 10. Jones, J. A., **Boersma, J.**, Liu, J., Nason, D., Ketaloya, S., & Karubian, J. Female ornamentation does not predict aggression in a tropical songbird. (2022). *Behavioral Ecology and Sociobiology* 76(4): 1-16.
- 9. **Boersma, J.**, Jones, J. A., Enbody, E. D., Welklin, J. F., Nason, D., Ketaloya, S., Karubian, J., & Schwabl, H. (2022). Male White-shouldered Fairywrens (Malurus alboscapulatus) elevate androgens greater when courting females than during territorial challenges. *Hormones and Behavior 142: 105158.*
- 8. **Boersma, J.**, Barron, D. G., Baldassarre, D. T., Webster, M. S., & Schwabl, H. (2021). Wildfire affects expression of male sexual plumage through suppressed testosterone circulation in a tropical songbird. *Journal of Avian Biology* 52(9).
 - *press coverage: New Scientist, Inside Science, The Poetry of Science podcast, Spokane Public Radio
- 7. Khalil, S., Welklin, J. F., McGraw, K. J., **Boersma, J.**, Schwabl, H, & Karubian, J.K. (2020). Testosterone regulates CYP2J19-linked carotenoid signal expression in male red-backed fairywrens (*Malurus melanocephalus*). *Proceedings of the Royal Society B* 287 (1935): 20201687.
- 6. Gregg, J. J., Nason, D., & **Boersma, J.** (2020). Survey of the montane avifauna of Fergusson Island, Milne Bay Province, Papua New Guinea. *The Bulletin of the British Ornithologists' Club*

- 140(3): 309-320.
- 5. **Boersma, J.**, Jones, J. A., Enbody, E. D., Nason, D., Lopez-Contreras, E., Karubian, J., & Schwabl, H. (2020). Testosterone induces plumage ornamentation followed by enhanced territoriality in a female songbird. *Behavioral Ecology* 31(5): 1233-1241.
- 4. Mitchell, A. E., **Boersma, J.**, Anthony, A., Kitayama, K., & Martin, T. E. (2020). Experimental amelioration of harsh weather speeds growth and development in a tropical montane songbird. *The American Naturalist* 196(4): E110-E118.
- 3. Enbody, E. D., **Boersma, J.**, Jones, J. A., Chatfield, M. W. H., Ketaloya, S., Baldassarre, D.T., Hazelhurst, J., Gowen, O., Schwabl, H., & Karubian, J. (2019). Social organization and breeding biology of the White-shouldered Fairywren (*Malurus alboscapulatus*). *Emu Austral Ornithology* 119(3): 274-285.
- 2. Enbody, E. D., **Boersma, J.**, Schwabl, H., & Karubian, J. (2018). Female ornamentation is associated with elevated aggression and circulating androgens in a tropical songbird. *Behavioral Ecology* 29(5): 1056-1066.
- 1. Lantz, S. M., **Boersma, J.**, Schwabl, H., & Karubian, J. (2017). Early-moulting Red-backed Fairywren males acquire ornamented plumage in the absence of elevated androgens. *Emu Austral Ornithology* 117(2): 170-180.

Grants and Awards

Grants		
2022	American Bird Conservancy Lost Species Research Grant (\$43,586)	
2021	Western North American Naturalist Grant (\$2,000)	
2020	Northwest Ecological Research Institute Grant (\$1,000)	
2017	American Ornithological Society Research Award (\$2,300)	
2015 – 2017	Washington State University Elling Research Award (sum total: \$10,606)	
Awards		
2021	Exceptional Research Award, Washington State University School of Biological Sciences	
2021	Best Talk Award, Washington State University School Biological Sciences Symposium	
2020	Aubrey Gorbman Best Student Oral Presentation Award, Division of Comparative Endocrinology, Society of Integrative and Comparative Biology	
2020	Exceptional Service Award, Washington State University School of Biological Sciences	
Popular Press		
2021	Featured in NPR Morning Edition piece on Rainier National Park research: https://www.npr.org/2021/07/13/1011376403/its-summer-and-that-means-the-mysterious-return-of-glacier-ice-worms	
2021	Bird Banter podcast featured guest: https://birdbanter.com/index.php/category/thebirdbanterpodcastblog/	
2020	"Hearts in darkness," Washington State Magazine, Summer Issue feature: https://magazine.wsu.edu/2020/04/26/hearts-in-darkness/	
2019	Thomversations podcast featured guest: https://www.thomversations.com/e/exploring-the-wilds-of-new-guinea-with-jordan-boersma/	

Contributed Presentations

* Presenting researcher

Oral

- *Boersma, J. Jones, J. A., Enbody, E. D., Welklin, J. F., Ketaloya, S., Karubian, J., Schwabl, H. Support for challenge hypothesis 2.0: males of a tropical songbird elevate testosterone when courting females but not during territorial challenges. *Society of Integrative and Comparative Biology Meeting*, Virtual.
- *Jones, J. A., **Boersma, J.,** Karubian, J. Neither experimental nor natural female ornamentation predicts aggression in a tropical fairywren. *Society of Integrative and Comparative Biology Meeting*, Phoenix, AZ.
- *Boersma, J., Enbody, E. D., Jones, J. A., Lopez-Conteras, E., Karubian, J., Schwabl, H. Testosterone induces plumage ornamentation followed by enhanced territoriality in a female songbird. School of Biological Sciences Symposium, Washington State University, Pullman, WA
- *Boersma, J., Enbody, E. D., Jones, J. A., Nason, D., Karubian, J., Schwabl, H. Sex-specific causes and consequences of variable testosterone circulation in White-shouldered Fairywrens (Malurus alboscapulatus). North American Ornithological Conference, Virtual
- *Boersma, J., Enbody, E. D., Jones, J. A., Lopez-Conteras, E., Karubian, J., Schwabl, H. Taking a proximate view of a female ornament: do androgens mediate acquisition of the ornamented phenotype in female White-shouldered Fairywrens? School of Biological Sciences Symposium, Washington State University, Pullman, WA
- *Boersma, J., Enbody, E. D., Jones, J. A., Lopez-Conteras, E., Karubian, J., Schwabl, H. Taking a proximate view of a female ornament: do androgens mediate acquisition of the ornamented phenotype in female White-shouldered Fairywrens? Society of Integrative and Comparative Biology Meeting, Tampa, FL
- *Boersma, J., Enbody, E. D., Jones, J. A., Lopez-Conteras, E., Karubian, J., Schwabl, H. Female ornamentation: is a 'male' hormone responsible? *Biolunch Seminar Series*, Washington State University, Pullman, WA
- *Jones, J. A., **Boersma, J.**, Enbody, E. D., Fuxjager, M. J., Rosvall, K. A., Schwabl, H., Webster, M. S., Karubian, J. Experimental inhibition of peripheral androgen receptors dampens ornament expression in a female tropical passerine. *Society of Integrative and Comparative Biology Meeting*, Tampa, FL
- *Boersma, J., Enbody, E. D., Jones, J. A., Lopez-Conteras, E., Karubian, J., Schwabl, H. Taking a proximate view of a female ornament: do androgens mediate acquisition of the ornamented phenotype in female White-shouldered Fairywrens? *International Ornithological Society Meeting,* Vancouver, BC
- *Enbody, E. D., Sin, Y. W., **Boersma, J.**, Schwabl, H., Webster, M. S. Edwards, S. V., Karubian, J. Evolutionary genomics and transcriptomics of variable female plumage ornamentation in a New Guinea *Malurus* fairywren. *American Ornithological Society Meeting*, Tucson, AZ
- *Welklin, J. F., Lantz, S. M., Khalil, S., **Boersma, J.**, Schwabl, H., & Webster, M. S. Pairing status and female breeding status influence androgen levels and ornament expression in male Red-backed Fairy-wrens. *Society of Integrative and Comparative Biology Meeting,* San Francisco, CA
- *Welklin, J. F., Lantz, S. M., **Boersma, J.**, Schwabl, H., & Webster, M. S. The Role of androgens in mediating social environment and ornament expression in an Australian songbird. *Society of Integrative and Comparative Biology Meeting*, New Orleans, LA
- *Enbody, E. D., **Boersma, J.**, Schwabl, H., & Karubian, J. K. Female ornamentation is

associated with increased aggression and circulating androgens in a tropical passerine bird. *American Ornithological Society Meeting,* East Lansing, MI

Poster	
2017	*Boersma, J., Enbody, E. D., Jones, J. A., Karubian, J. K., & Schwabl, H. Androgens and the evolution of plumage and behavioral phenotypes in a tropical passerine. Society of Integrative and Comparative Biology Meeting, New Orleans, LA
2017	*Jones, J. A., Boersma, J. , Enbody, E. D., & Karubian, J. K. Ecological determinants of phenotypic divergence in female coloration of Papuan Fairywrens. <i>Society of Integrative and Comparative Biology Meeting</i> , New Orleans, LA
2017	*Boersma, J., Enbody, E. D., Jones, J. A., Karubian, J. K., & Schwabl, H. Androgens and the evolution of plumage and behavioral phenotypes in a tropical passerine. <i>School of Biological Sciences Symposium, Washington State University,</i> Pullman, WA
2016	*Boersma, J., Barron, D. G., Baldassarre, D. T., Webster, M. S., & Schwabl, H. S. Fire affects life history and physiology in a phenotypically plastic bird. School of Biological Sciences Symposium, Washington State University, Pullman, WA
2016	*Welklin, J. F., Lantz, S. M., Boersma, J. , Schwabl, H. S., & Webster, M. S. The effect of social environment on plumage, behavior, and androgens in red-backed fairy-wrens. <i>Society of Integrative and Comparative Biology Meeting</i> , Portland, OR

Invited Presentations

2022	Boersma , J. Flower-carrying Fairywrens: what have we learned from these promiscuous little birds? Cornell University Ornithology Seminar, Ithaca, NY.
2022	*Boersma, J. My journey from lost undergraduate to searching for lost species in New Guinea. SUNY Oswego Biological Sciences Departmental Seminar, Oswego, NY.
2020	*Boersma, J., Jones, J. A., Enbody, E. D., Nason, D., Karubian, J., Schwabl, H. Sex-specific causes and consequences of variable testosterone circulation in a tropical songbird. Society of Integrative and Comparative Biology Meeting- Aubrey Gorbman Award Competition, Austin, TX.
2020	*Boersma, J. Tales of the South Pacific: Fairies with flowers, swelling seas, and pirates with WWII weapons. <i>Biolunch Seminar Series</i> . Washington State University, Pullman, WA

Teaching Experience

2022	Guest Lecturer, course: Ornithology, Cornell University
2021, '20, '18, '14	Teaching Assistant, course: Human Physiology lab, Washington State University
2021, '20, '19	Teaching Assistant, course: Ornithology lab, Washington State University
2021, '19, '15, '16	Teaching Assistant, course: Biology for non-majors lab, Washington State University
2020	Guest Lecturer, course: Ecology, University of Iowa
2020, '18	Teaching Assistant, course: Biology for majors lab, Washington State University
2017	Teaching Assistant, course: Developmental Biology lab, Washington State University
Mentorship	

2015 – 2019 Trained and supervised 12 Papua New Guinea landowners and 5 US college graduates in avian research methods 2017 – 2018 Mentored recent WSU graduate (Elisa Lopez-Contreras) 2017 Mentored 2 undergraduate students (Toni Brown and Tess Kendrick) in experimental design and field research methods

Outreach and Service

2022	Science of Seduction presenter and panelist, virtual Cornell Lab of Ornithology event
2021	Led virtual course on avian sexual and social signaling for the Hope Academy of Senior Professionals
2015 – 2019	Conservation-themed presentations to various schools and remote villages throughout Milne Bay and Western Province, Papua New Guinea
2015 – 2019	Lessons on the intersection between wildlife and culture to 4 th grade classes Knapp Forest Elementary, Grand Rapids, MI, USA
2019	External manuscript reviewer, United States Geological Survey
2018 – 2019	Graduate Student Representative to the Seminar Committee, School of Biological Sciences, Washington State University
2018 – 2019	Bird Outreach Leader: mist-netting & show-and-tell, Family Fun Day, Viola, ID, USA

Additional Research Experience

2011 – 2014	Costs and consequences of ornament expression in red-backed fairywrens, Atherton Tableland, Australia. Research assistant (2013), project leader (2012), and field technician (2011) for Drs. Hubert Schwabl and Mike Webster.
2011 – 2014	What drives evolution of slow life history strategies in high elevation tropical birds? Mount Kinabalu National Park, Malaysian Borneo. Research associate (2013 – 2014) and field technician (2011 – 2012) for Dr. Tom Martin.
2009 – 2010	The effect of habitat structure on reproductive success in temperate songbirds, Mount Haggin W. M. A., Montana. Field technician for Dr. Tom Martin.
2009	Lead contamination in large carnivores in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, Wyoming. Field technician for Dr. Kerry Foresman.